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Briton hanged

British citizen Derrick Gregory sentenced to death by a Malaysian high court for drug smuggling two years ago, was hanged early today.

His last-minute plea to Queen Elizabeth to help save his life went unheeded — he was hanged at 5.45 am (Malaysian time) at the Kajang prison, 30 km away from Kuala Lumpur.

A spokesman for the British High Commission in Malaysia told newsmen later Gregory sent from death row a message to Buckingham Palace requesting the queen to appeal to the Malaysian paramount ruler, the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong to save his life.

Picture shows Gregory, after his Supreme Court appeal on 19th April 1988. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Big surprise

COPENHAGEN, July 21. (Reuter): Danish Prime Minister Poul Schluter surprised everyone except his bride when he slipped away from the office and got married today.

Schluter, 60, was married to Anne Marie Vessel, 40, in a Copenhagen church barely an hour after attending a meeting of parliament's foreign policy committee.

He gave his mother Else the news over his car telephone.

"He told me there were just the two of them at the wedding," she told Ritzau news agency. "Yes, it was a big surprise."

Even his secretary did not know where the prime minister was until the wedding was announced later.

Andreotti wins

ROME, July 21. (Reuter): Italian Prime Minister-designate Giulio Andreotti today won agreement from the five coalition parties to form the country's 49th post-war government.

"The party leaders gave a favourable judgment on the programme," the veteran Christian Democrat told reporters after a three-hour meeting with his government partners.

\$60m heroin haul

BOMBAY, July 21. (Reuter): Heroin with an international street value of \$60 million was seized from two cars in Bombay, customs officials said.

Two Pakistanis and two Afghan nationals were arrested when the 100 kg (220 lb) of drugs were found in two cars which had illegally crossed into India from Pakistan on Wednesday, the officials said.

Dhaka on alert

DHAKA, July 21. (Reuter): Bangladesh authorities put troops on alert yesterday after a bomb killed nine people on a motor launch in Chittagong Hill Tracts, officials said.

Six people were killed when a time bomb planted by suspected Shanti Bahini (peace force) rebels exploded aboard the launch as it headed for Rangamat on Wednesday. Three of 22 wounded passengers died in hospital and several were in critical condition.

Iran to consider

ATHENS, July 21. (UPI): Iran said today it may consider accepting compensation from the United States for an Iranian Airbus shot down over the Gulf in July last year, after the international court at the Hague hands down a verdict on an Iranian complaint.

The state-owned Islamic Republic News Agency quoted Mohammad Nabi Habibi, chief of Iran's Civil Aviation Organisation, as saying Iran may consider accepting compensation "after Washington is judicially and legally condemned for its crime."

PLO, Israel hail US vote on talks

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, July 21. (Reuter): Israel and its arch-enemy the PLO, giving opposing reasons, both welcomed today a US Senate vote setting conditions on Washington's contacts with the Palestinian group.

Israel called the measure, passed in a watered-down form, a step in the right direction, but the PLO said it had no teeth.

"In other words, nothing ... that's good," PLO spokesman Ahmed Abdrhman told Reuters in Tunis on hearing of the compromise text.

The Senate yesterday rejected a proposal by right-wing Republican Jesse Helms barring US talks with any PLO official who had prior knowledge of or took part in an attack that resulted in the death, injury or kidnapping of a US citizen.

Instead it approved a text barring talks with any PLO envoy "if the president knows and advises Congress" of his role in terrorism against Americans.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens said of the Senate vote: "I think this awareness is a step in the right direction, an awareness which definitely exists here on the terrorist nature of the PLO."

Helms proposed his measure after US Ambassador to Tunis Robert Pelletreau met an Arafat deputy, Salah Khalaf, accused of involvement in the 1973 killing of the US Ambassador to Sudan, Cleo Noel.

The White House had launched an all-out campaign against the Helms measure, saying it could have destroyed US peace efforts in the Middle East.

Lanka to post attache Help for labour

COLOMBO, July 21. (KUNA): Government will shortly appoint labour attaches to four Middle Eastern countries to handle the country's large work force's affairs, officials said here today.

The officials at the state-run Foreign Employment Bureau (FEB) told KUNA, the four attaches will take up their appointments at the Sri Lankan missions in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Iraq, early next month.

"They will look after the interests of Sri Lanka's large work force in these countries," the officials, wishing anonymity, said. "They are being given special training for this purpose currently in Colombo."

The officials maintained the appointing of labour attaches is part of the government strategy to boost employment for Sri Lankans abroad.

Over 200,000 Sri Lankans are employed abroad, most of them in Middle Eastern countries, and their earnings compose a major proportion of the country's foreign exchange earnings.

Last year alone more than 20,000 Sri Lankans gained employment abroad and the foreign exchange earned by the more than 200,000 Sri Lankans was over Sri Lankan rupees 10 billion (\$300 million), the officials said.

Palace to pen for Khashoggi Big Apple bites

NEW YORK, July 21. (Agencies): It's not easy to maintain the lifestyle of the rich and famous in a federal jail, as millionaire arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi is discovering.

Khashoggi, once one of the world's wealthiest men, is now an inmate at the Metropolitan Correctional Centre in Manhattan — sharing his cell with another prisoner, eating with the other inmates.

"He is not being treated any differently than anyone else," said Alan Stiefel, executive assistant to the prison.

Khashoggi, 53, arrived at the jail on Wednesday after US district judge John E. Keenan ordered him held without bail. The Saudi businessman is accused of mail fraud and obstruction of justice in connection with Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos' alleged rip-off of \$100 million from the Philippine treasury.

It's not Khashoggi's first stint behind bars. He was jailed for the past three months in Switzerland.

But there, Khashoggi was afforded some special treatment. He had a cell to himself and sent out for meals to the Schweizerhof, the posh hotel where he was arrested April 18.

Those days are over. "He eats the same meals as any other inmates," Stiefel said yesterday.

Khashoggi, who travelled on a private plane and a multimillion-dollar yacht when he appeared on the "lifestyles of the rich and famous" television show, is now in a double-bunk cell with about 75 square feet of space, said Stiefel.

It's not what Khashoggi had hoped for. His attorney, Robert Morvillo, suggested Khashoggi be put under house arrest at his apartment in the Olympic Tower building on fifth avenue. The judge rejected that idea.

Khashoggi pleaded innocent to the charges at his arraignment on Wednesday. Keenan indicated he may set bail for Khashoggi once the financier's net worth is verified.

A federal grand jury in New York indicted Khashoggi, the Marcoses, five other people and the California Overseas Bank in Los Angeles last October. The Marcoses were charged with stealing millions from the Philippines to buy real estate and art in New York. Khashoggi allegedly posed as the owner of some of the assets as a cover.

The government is fiercely opposing any bail for Khashoggi, claiming he cannot be trusted not to flee.

Even federal judge John Keenan wondered at an arraignment on Wednesday whether Khashoggi was so rich that he would be willing to forfeit bail for freedom.

"He could go back to Saudi Arabia and thumb his nose at the United States," the judge said as he ordered Khashoggi to jail while asking his lawyers for briefs to bolster their position.

Morvillo conceded that anything up to \$5 million bail would mean nothing to his client. But he insisted Khashoggi was no risk and would even pay for security guards pledged to keep him in Manhattan.

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Somalia executes 46 2,000 held after riots

NAIROBI, July 21. (AP): Somalia Armed Forces summarily executed 46 men after hundreds died in clashes between security forces and Muslim worshippers in the nation's capital, a human rights group and independent sources said today.

Those executed were among an estimated 2,000 people arrested in house-to-house searches following last Friday's disturbances, said the Africa Watch human rights group.

The group, in a statement released in Nairobi, said the men were rounded up two days after the riots, taken to a beach just outside Mogadishu, the capital, and shot to death.

Africa Watch and other sources put the number killed during the July 14 clashes at about 400, many of whom died when military vehicles armed with machine guns opened fire on houses in heavily populated Presidential districts.

The human rights group said more than a thousand people were injured, but people were afraid to take their wounded to a hospital for fear of arrest.

Mogadishu residents contacted by telephone said some isolated gunfire continued for a day after the riots, but no further violence took place in Mogadishu. A dusk-to-dawn curfew was relaxed yesterday to 9 pm to 5 am (1800 GMT to 0200 GMT).

Somalia's Interior Ministry announced that soldiers called out during the riots had been returned to their barracks and security in the capital would be maintained by police, militia and the paramilitary national security services.

Air tragedy hits US, Philippines

Flight crashes into Manila traffic; Miracle in US

MANILA, July 21. (Agencies): A Philippine Airlines jet with 98 people aboard overshot a runway in heavy rain today, crashed through a concrete wall and slid across a highway, smashing cars and killing at least eight people, officials and witnesses said.

Witnesses and officials at two hospitals and a clinic said all eight were killed on the ground. Most of them were in four vehicles crushed by the twin-engine Bac 1-11 when it careened across Manila's south expressway at 3:23 pm (0723 GMT).

Ninety-one people were injured, four of them in critical condition, airline officials said.

In Sioux City, Iowa, an apparent explosion in the tail engine of the United Airlines DC-10 that crashed killing up to 109 of 295 people aboard severed lines for the jet's hydraulic controls, aviation safety officials said yesterday.

While officials would not draw conclusions as to the cause of Wednesday's crash, the signs appeared to point to the blown rear, or number two, engine. The plane had three engines.

In Manila, Enrique Santos, PAL vice-president for public relations, said he had no reports of deaths among the plane's passengers, but 85 of them and two crew members were injured. He said the four people in critical condition were injured on the ground.

After overshooting the runway, the plane crashed through a concrete wall between the airport and the highway, bounced across the highway and plowed through railroad tracks on the other side of the 12-lane freeway, witnesses said. The plane's belly was ripped off but the fuselage remained largely intact.

Officials closed the highway to facilitate the rescue, which was hampered by heavy rain and traffic jams on streets leading to the scene.

Air traffic controllers reported the plane's pilot, Capt Ricardo Misa, said visibility was poor and he could see only half the runway as he approached the airport on a flight from Zamboanga City, 864 kilometres (540 miles) southeast of Manila.

Santos said an investigation would be conducted and declined to speculate if bad weather caused the crash.

"It was raining at the time, but weather conditions were above the minimum for landing, so he (the pilot) was cleared to land," Santos said. "Visibility was three kilometres (1.8 miles). He was told to land when runway was sighted. He landed and he ran out of runway."

In Sioux City, rescue officials have recovered 109 bodies from the wreckage of the DC-10 that crashed, an official said today.

Officials planned to lift one of the wings with a crane to see if



A Philippine Airlines Bac-111 jet ploughed into a Manila highway smashing into vehicles. (Reuter wirephoto)



Sioux City police stand guard over the wreckage of United Airlines Flight 232 after it crashed to make an emergency landing on Wednesday. Picture inset shows one-year-old survivor Sabrina Michaelson. (Reuter wirephotos)

there were two more bodies underneath, city manager Hank Sinda said at a news conference.

Sinda reported 184 survivors from United Airlines flight 232.

The National Guard and medical examiners had asked families for dental and medical records and other information that would help identify the victims, said Sinda.

"They're having a hard time identifying the bodies. Some of them are in very poor condition," he said.

Investigators said Capt Al C. Haynes, the pilot, had virtually no control as he struggled to land the DC-10 after it lost an engine fan and sustained holes in the small wing of the tail.

The jumbo jet's hydraulic system, which is routed through the tail and allows the pilot to manipulate wing and tail controls, contained no fluid as Haynes tried to bring the plane into Sioux Gateway airport, officials said last night.

"The aircraft could only be turned to the right. They made three 360-degree turns" before Wednesday's crash landing, another official said.

United released the names of survivors yesterday but withheld a list of casualties while relatives were notified.

As workers continued to search wreckage strewn through a cornfield and across a runway, investigators released details of the harrowing last hour of the flight bound for Chicago and Philadelphia from Denver.

The chief flight attendant said an explosion over western Iowa knocked flight attendants to the floor, an official said. The attendant went into the cockpit and found the flight crew struggling to regain control of the plane, he said.

Thirty-four minutes before the crash landing, the pilot told air traffic controllers he had almost no control of the aircraft, Burnett said.

Investigators found a 10-inch-by-12-inch (25-by-30-centimetre) hole and three or four smaller ones in the horizontal stabiliser, the small wing on the plane's tail, an official spokesman, Ted Lopatkiewicz said.

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Fears of Gulf war shift to Lebanon

BEIRUT, July 21. (Agencies): Al Seyassah has learned from reliable political sources that Lebanon is quickly being turned into a battlefield between Iraq and Iran in addition to the current violent confrontation here between Iraq and Syria.

The sources expressed fears that the failure of the Arab League's tripartite committee charged with finding a solution to the Lebanese crisis would lead to shifting the Gulf war to Lebanon with Iraq supplying Christian forces with sophisticated arms and Iran doing the same to Muslim and leftist parties.

In a significant move reflecting Iran's determination to challenge Iraq which has provided General Michel Aoun's armed forces with sophisticated arms to fight Syrian troops in Lebanon, leaders of Syrian-backed — backed Lebanese Muslim and leftist militias and radical Palestinian factions met in Tehran last Saturday under Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, and issued a statement calling for the overthrow of General Aoun, the destruction of the Lebanese system and the setting up of a new just system.

The Tehran declaration also called for Muslim unity to confront political Maronism and Iraqi influence in Lebanon.

Christian groups have unanimously condemned the Tehran declaration calling it "a flagrant Iranian interference in Lebanese affairs."

Nabih Berri, leader of the Shiite Amal movement, who participated in Tehran talks, has officially asked Iran to supply Lebanese Muslim forces with sophisticated weapons to establish a balance of power with Christian forces.

Aoun admitted today that Iraq was providing him with weapons and police said overnight shelling duels between his troops and Syrian gunners killed one person and wounded four.

A United Nations spokesman said today that UN peacekeeping soldiers in South Lebanon, seriously wounding a Fijian soldier.

"Brotherly Iraq supports Lebanon ... I wanted to purchase weapons and ammunition and Iraq donated them," Aoun told the independent daily paper An-Nahar.

He said the government of President Saddam Hussein has given his 20,000 predominantly Christian troops Soviet-designed T-55 tanks and "other types of weapons."

However, he refused to say whether Iraq has provided him with medium range Frog-7 surface-to-surface missiles which would be able to hit Damascus.

Syria has demanded that such missiles be removed from the 310-square-mile (800-square-kilometre) Christian enclave, which is under the control of Aoun's troops and the right-wing Christian Lebanese forces militia.

Aoun denied charges by Syria's government-run radio that Iraq sent military personnel to help his troops.

Hope for Asians

Uganda may pay

KAMPALA, July 21. (Reuter): The Aga Khan has negotiated an agreement to return property to some of the Asians expelled from Uganda by former dictator Idi Amin in 1972, the Ugandan government said.

Officials said President Yoweri Museveni and the Aga Khan, spiritual leader of the Ismaili sect, signed a protocol yesterday clearing the way for property seized by Amin to be returned to some 15,000 Ugandan Ismailis.

The amount of property seized has not yet been determined.

The status of those who now own or rent the properties is also still to be decided but the Aga Khan said a news conference that their interests would be considered.

Angry opposition plans no-confidence bid against Rajiv

NEW DELHI, July 21. (Reuter): India's opposition parties prepared today to bring a no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's government in a bid to keep a corruption scandal alive for coming general elections.

The fragmented opposition showed rare unity in disrupting parliament for the third consecutive day, insisting Rajiv should quit because of bribes allegedly paid by Sweden's Bofors Company to secure a \$1.3 billion defence contract.

"There is no question of proceeding with the business of the house until the prime minister resigns," Amal Dutta told the lower house during a heated session.

Dutta's Communist Party of India, Marxist (CPI, M) is part of the opposition group trying to bury squabbles among its leaders and attack Rajiv ahead of elections due by December.

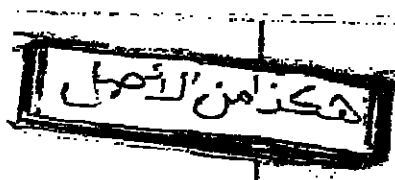
"We realise there is not much chance of defeating the prime minister through a no-confidence motion, because of his party's

brute majority," said Lal Kishan Advani, head of the rightwing Hindu Baharatiya Janata Party.

"But it will at least keep alive the issue of corruption during the elections," he said.

Advani said the motion would be introduced in the lower house, where Rajiv's Congress Party has a two-thirds majority, before the current Parliament session ends on August 11.

The opposition alleges bribes were paid to people close to Rajiv.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Life threatened

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 21. (AP): Police stepped up security around the Swedish royal family after warnings of a plot to kill Queen Silvia by an anti-immigrant extremist group, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

"We're going to blow Silvia up within 24 hours," an anonymous caller told the Expressen newspaper Tuesday night. "The clock has already started."

The caller said he was from a group called Blue-Yellow Brigade, which he said militantly opposed Sweden's immigration policy. The policy allows about 16,000 refugees annually to live in the country.

Claim investigated

OSWEGO, New York, July 21. (UPI): Authorities Wednesday investigated a worker's claim that he drank lemonade laced with radioactive dust at the James A. Fitzpatrick nuclear plant.

The man told New York Power Authority investigators he mixed the dust with the lemonade, but Tuesday night he changed his story, said Woody Berzins, a plant spokesman.

"The worker made a statement that he had laced the drink himself and as of yesterday he turned the story around and said someone (else) laced the drink," Berzins said.

"The complexion of the investigation changed when the story changed, and now, in fact, the sheriff's department has been asked to come in and renew their investigation."

Political motive

MONROVIA, July 21. (Reuters): Liberia's former defence minister ritually murdered a policeman to get human blood for a witchcraft ceremony that would help him topple President Samuel Doe, a court martial heard.

It was the first time a political motive was raised during the trial of Major-General Gray Allison, once one of Liberia's most powerful men. Allison, stripped of the defence portfolio three weeks ago, is charged with murdering officer Melvin Pyne, whose body was found with the heart ripped out on a railway track near the capital Monrovia on March 31.

Racist doll

TOKYO, July 21. (AP): A Japanese toy maker said yesterday that it will stop selling a black inflatable doll with big round eyes and a grass skirt, but the company denied it was acting because critics called the doll racist.

Takara Co. spokesman Shunsuke Kubota said the company also would stop using the once immensely popular doll, named "Dakko-Chan," as its corporate symbol.

Takara, which also makes "un-former" robot toys that are twisted into other, or, the second Japanese company "ss" than 10 days to say it is a "coming symbols" that critics have called derogatory to blacks.

Teen-age violence

WASHINGTON, July 21. (UPI): More than four in five teachers union leaders in the United States say teenage violence is a "bigger problem today than in the past," but only 13 percent think public officials share their concern about the problem, according to a survey released yesterday.

The 710,000-member American Federation of Teachers conducted the survey in June and July, polling representatives of its 50 largest local nationwide, the 43 presidents of State AFT units and the 38-member AFT Executive Council.

Eighty-two percent of the teachers union leaders said violence by teenagers has gotten worse recently, with more than 80 per cent blaming drug trafficking and 65 per cent ranking easing access to guns as contributing to the upsurge.

Bear attack

SPARWOOD, British Columbia, July 21. (AP): A 10-year-old girl was attacked by a grizzly bear while she and her younger sister shouted to their parents, asleep in a nearby trailer, for help, authorities and family members said.

Richard Kirkland jumped out of bed and managed to chase the bear away from his daughters' tent by shouting wildly.

Connie-Lee Kirkland of Sparwood needed stitches to close lacerations to her thigh and was recovering in hospital.

The two girls were asleep in a tent at a provincial forestry campsite at Rock Creek, 190 kilometres (118 miles) southwest of Calgary, when they heard a bear prowling around outside early Tuesday morning.

Rembrandt found

NEW YORK, July 21. (AP): A Christie's expert, routinely checking an anonymous drawing being offered for sale, discovered it was a Rembrandt stolen 10 years ago from an Amsterdam museum.

The artwork was consigned by a member of the European Art Trade for one of his clients, who bought it for an undisclosed sum several years ago as a "good anonymous drawing," but never researched it further, Christie's spokeswoman Starr Collins said Wednesday.

"Christie's feels they did it in good faith," said Ms Collins. "They are reputable clients of ours."

The auction house routinely tries to attribute all the unsigned works it receives. Beverly Jacobi, who heads Christie's old masters department, got this one on June 16.

Paintings recovered
MADRID, July 21. (Reuters): Spanish police have recovered seven stolen paintings by Picasso, Salvador Dali and another Spanish painter and arrested two men in connection with the theft, a police spokesman said on Wednesday.

West Germany to ban surrogate motherhood

BONN, July 21. (AP): Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government on Wednesday called for outlawing genetic manipulation and surrogate motherhood, as well as restrictions to discourage artificial insemination of lesbians and single women.

But opposition politicians deemed the proposed embryo protection law inadequate in its failure to address other important issues arising from fertility research.

West Germany has strict limits on abortion that are being challenged by the increasingly left-leaning populace.

But Nazi-era attempts at human engineering left an indelible imprint on Germans, who remain strongly opposed to scientific manipulation in reproduction.

Justice minister Hans Engelhard, who introduced the proposed law at Wednesday's cabinet session, told reporters at a press conference that the measure aims to prevent "the misuse of modern technology, in particular human engineering."

Engelhard said the legislation, as endorsed by Kohl's cabinet, would make West Germany the first nation in the world to forbid alteration of the human embryo.

"Not everything that is technically feasible should in fact come to pass," He deemed the practice of human engineering, or scientific selection of

sex, physical features and other manipulation of the embryo, "a nightmare that must be fought against."

While some scientific interference in embryo development could be beneficial, "man should not be the last victim of modern technology," the minister said.

The bill as approved by Kohl's three-party coalition was scaled back from a more restrictive proposal by the Christian Social Union, the most conservative faction within the leadership.

The CSU, which represents the staunchly Catholic Bavarian state, sought a ban on artificial insemination, except between married heterosexuals, that would imprison violators.

But they will be able to fly aircraft engaged in carrying passengers and freight, air-to-air refuelling, search and rescue and other operations, as well as teach flying, a Ministry of Defence statement said.

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How smoking affects children's health

CAPEL HILL, North Carolina, July 21. (UPI): Cotinine, a byproduct of nicotine that can be measured in children, will help scientists learn more about how passive smoking affects children's health, researchers said.

Research conducted at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine shows the amount of cigarette smoke in homes with children corresponds to the amount of cotinine in their urine, Dr. Frederick W. Henderson said yesterday.

Results of the study are scheduled to appear in the American review of respiratory diseases.

"The goal of our study was to find out whether cotinine measurements are good quantitative indicators of the amount of passive smoking a child is doing," said Henderson.

Children who are regularly exposed to adults' tobacco smoke have significantly higher rates than other youngsters of chest illnesses like bronchitis and pneumonia and of symptoms like wheezing.

Those who breathe tobacco smoke also have slightly lower average levels of lung function, slower rates of lung function growth and more middle ear infections, the research shows.

Henderson and his colleagues studied 27 preschool children. Among the study group were 12 children who were not exposed to smoke in their homes and 15 whose parents smoked regularly.

For their study, the scientists monitored levels of cotinine in the children's homes and compared those levels with the amount of cotinine in the children's urine.

"We found that 12 of the 15 exposed children regularly had levels of cotinine that were substantially higher than the 12 children who were not exposed," Henderson said.

"The commission investigating drug trafficking and money laundering recommended Thursday that the government bar the former US Marine lieutenant colonel and former National Security Council aide from Costa Rica."

The commission also recommended barring former Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard Secord, a co-defendant in the North case, former National Security advisor John Poindexter and former US ambassador to Costa Rica Lewis Tamba, who also testified in the case.

It also recommended cancelling the Costa Rican citizenship of John Hull, an American-born farmer accused for allowing his ranch near the Nicaraguan border to be used by planes carrying drugs and Nicaraguan Contra rebel weapons in 1984 and 1985.

A report on the commission's investigation, obtained by the Associated Press, said the Iran-Contra case had found that "certain American authorities had permitted the shipment of cocaine to the United States through Costa Rica with the object of channelling illegal funds to the Nicaraguan counter-revolution."

The commission said it began looking at the private Contra support network in northern Costa Rica because of the "quantity and frequency of the shipment of drugs that passed through the zone."

The network, it said, operated "under the tutelage of Col. North." Secord, Poindexter, Tamba, Hull and Joseph Fernandez, the CIA station chief of Costa Rica, also were involved in its creation, the report said.

Narcotics traffickers were active in various levels of the network, the report said.

Hull, 69, originally of Evansville, Indiana, has lived in Costa Rica for 20 years and says he became a Costa Rican citizen eight years ago. He was jailed Jan 13 on charges of drug trafficking and violating Costa Rican security. Since March 10, he has been freed on \$37,500 bond while a court studies his case.

A US Senate Committee report this year on international drug trafficking said five witnesses identified Hull as involved in narcotics trafficking.

The commission said North's personal notebook mentions "the necessity of giving Hull protection." In July 26, 1984, entry, it said, noted that Hull "now has a private army of 75 to 100 men."

"This series of facts ratifies the direct participation of Hull in the drug and weapons network of support to the Contras organized by Col. Oliver North," the report said.

The report also mentions North's links to Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, the Panamanian de facto leader indicted on drug trafficking charges in the United States, and Benjamin Piza, the former Costa Rican public security director.

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In the driver's seat

Royal Air Force cadet pilot Helen Colaluca takes a seat in the cockpit of a Hawk jet trainer at Northolt Air Base outside London. Women will be able to train as pilots and navigators with the Royal Air Force for the first time beginning next year, the Ministry of Defence said Thursday.

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Destination Mars

WASHINGTON, July 21. (AP): Twenty years after man's first step on the Moon, President George Bush says Americans must commit to the settlement of space by returning to the Moon and then embarking on a manned mission to Mars.

The President offered no firm timetable or price tag for a programme that could cost hundreds of billions of dollars. But he said yesterday it would be worth the cost "because it is humanity's destiny to strive, to seek, to find. And because it is America's destiny to lead."

His proposal was made in a ceremony, on the steps of the National Air and Space Museum, marking the historic moment on July 20, 1969, when American Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Buzz Aldrin stepped on the Moon's Sea of Tranquility to fulfil a pledge made eight years earlier by President John Kennedy.

The two moonwalkers stood with Bush today, along with Mike Collins, the third Apollo 11 crewman who said, "We have rested on our Apollo laurels long enough—it's time to get moving again."

Bush's proposal—to establish a US Moon base early in the next century and then mount a manned Mars mission—likely will ignite a long national debate both in a budget-minded Congress and among those who believe US dollars should not be spent on costly space endeavours but on solving more earthly problems.

At a time of huge budget deficits, Congress already is balking at the start-up costs for the US space agency's \$30 billion space station, which Bush said was "a first and necessary step for sustained manned exploration."

Putting the space station in orbit has been scheduled for after 1995.

The President chose to look beyond the budget debate over the space station.

"We must commit ourselves anew to... the permanent settlement of space," he said. "We must commit ourselves to a future where Americans and citizens of all nations will live and work in space."

The cost would be hundreds and hundreds of billions of dollars, but it would create an industry employing hundreds of thousands of people on Earth, and scores on the Moon and Mars.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration strategy calls for frequent flights to the Moon and construction there of living quarters, laboratories and power stations. The lunar soil

would be mined to extract oxygen which then could be turned into rocket fuel.

For astronauts, the moon's surface would offer an observatory site that is unparalleled on Earth. The Moon has no atmosphere to obscure the view of the universe, and it has only one-sixth the gravity of Earth, which means much larger reflector telescopes could be built.

For engineers, a Moon base would be a laboratory for a voyage to Mars. The lunar centre would enable the engineers to test concepts for building permanent quarters for humans in other worlds that have no air or water. For instance, a "closed loop" system, where oxygen and water is processed and used over and over, could be developed.

A lunar base also would enable engineers to use the Moon as a starting point for a trip to Mars.

Some experts have suggested that a Mars voyager could be built in lunar orbit, either from components built on the Moon,

or ferried there from Earth. Propellant for the craft could be processed from Moon soil.

The vehicle could then start its trip to Mars by first firing out of lunar orbit, circling the Earth to pick up a boost from the planet's gravity, and then streaking

Meet the modern British male

He's sensitive, fit and he can cook

LONDON, July 21. (AP) He is sensitive, understanding, tolerant and fit. He's no snob, but he can cook. You'll find him staring at his television set 16 per cent, possibly thinking that he ought to get more exercise (34 per cent).

Meet the British male, as seen by himself in a survey published yesterday by the British Market Research Bureau.

"Sensitivity and understanding are hardly qualities associated with some of the published types of modern male such as lager louts or money-hungry city (financial district) whiz

kids and this finding indicates how atypical they probably are," said the survey report, based on interviews with 1,287 men.

Asked to choose three among 14 possible self-descriptions, 46 per cent chose "sensitive and understanding," 46 per cent were "loyal and trustworthy," 40 per cent—and nearly 60 per cent of those with children—were "a good father and provider."

Asked to select three from a list of 10 personal goals, the top three were "improved health and fitness," 50 per cent; "the opportunity to travel more," 41 per cent and

"greater success at work," 36 per cent.

Bottom of the list came closer relationships—with partner, 14 per cent; children 11 per cent; and friends 7 per cent.

Sixty-nine per cent thought being faithful to one person was essential to a good relationship, but only 25 per cent felt they could not cope should their partner stray.

Only 8 per cent said they would feel uncomfortable if their partner earned more money, although just 16 per cent said they would "get a kick out of having a highly successful partner."

Obsessed fan killed actress, police say

LOS ANGELES, July 21. (AP) An obsessed fan of actress Rebecca Schaeffer wrote her a rambling love letter, kept videos of her TV show "My Sister Sam" and stalked her before shooting her to death, police alleged.

Robert John Bardo, 19, was being held in Arizona yesterday while Los Angeles authorities pursued extradition. Tucson Police picked him up Wednesday as he was dodging cars on a freeway there.

Bardo appeared before a Tucson magistrate this morning via closed-circuit television from the Pima County Jail. Magistrate Clifford Hoffmann entered a plea of innocent for Bardo on a misdemeanor count of obstructing a street or highway.

He remained in jail pending a court appearance in the murder case.

Los Angeles investigators flew to Tucson, where Bardo gave police "statements related to the murder of Rebecca Schaeffer," Los Angeles Police Detective Dan Andrews said.

"I don't want to say he confessed, but he implicated himself, for sure," the detective said. The unemployed fast-food worker from Tucson was an obsessive fan of Miss Schaeffer, said Deputy District Attorney Robert E. Savitt, who filed a complaint charging him with murder.



Fallen star

American actress Rebecca Schaeffer shown in this 1987 publicity photo from the TV series "My Sister Sam." She was shot and killed Tuesday when she opened the door of her Los Angeles apartment. (Reuters wirephoto).

Aspirin does a heart good

BOSTON, July 21. (UPI) Aspirin, long used to relieve common aches and pains, has been "conclusively" shown to protect healthy people against the nation's No. 1 killer—heart attacks, a landmark study concluded Wednesday.

The Physicians' Health Study final report found that middle-aged men who took one regular aspirin every other day cut by nearly half their chances of suffering their first heart attack.

The findings confirm the study's groundbreaking preliminary results—published in February 1988 when the conclusions were so striking—using three more months of data and a more complete analysis.

"Our study demonstrates conclusively a benefit of aspirin in reducing the incidence of first myocardial infarction (heart attack)," the researchers wrote in reporting the results in the New England Journal of Medicine.

But Dr Charles Hennekens, who led the study, cautioned against widespread use of aspirin on a regular basis because the drug can have side effects, such as increasing the risk for stomach problems and possibly one type of stroke.

The results support the use of aspirin for reducing the heart attack risk for those who have already had heart attacks and perhaps for those who may be at increased risk for one, he said.

But anyone considering aspirin to cut their chances of having a heart attack should consult their doctor, said Hennekens, an associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Dr Myron Weisfeldt, president of the American Heart Association, issued a statement saying the study demonstrated the value of aspirin for reducing the heart attack risk. But he also echoed Hennekens' cautions.

"We are specifically not advocating that all Americans take aspirin to prevent a heart attack," said Weisfeldt. "It is now prudent for Americans who are at risk to consider—in conjunction with their personal physicians—taking aspirin as a prophylactic against heart attack."

The Food and Drug Administration was expected to approve new guidelines on the use of aspirin for preventing heart attacks this fall, reflecting the findings, a spokesman said. In the meantime, aspirin companies had agreed not to promote aspirin for that use. Aspirin is currently recommended only for preventing second heart attacks.

Several aspirin companies and the Aspirin Foundation Inc. in Washington, an industry group, issued statements praising the findings. But they also cautioned against taking aspirin regularly without consulting a doctor.

About 1.5 million Americans have heart attacks each year and about 540,000 die, making heart attacks the leading cause of death in the United States.

Previous studies had shown aspirin could reduce the chances that someone who had a heart attack would have another one, apparently by thinning the blood and reducing the chances an artery-clogging blood clot would form.

To test whether aspirin could cut the likelihood of a heart attack for someone who had never had one, the Physicians' Health Study had 22,071 doctors from around the country take either a 325-milligram aspirin or a fake substitute every other day and followed them to see who had a heart attack.

Began in 1982, the study was supposed to continue for eight years but was cut short after about five years because the findings were so striking. The researchers had expected a maximum 20-per cent reduction in risk but found those who took aspirin had a 47-per cent lower heart attack risk.

In the follow-up analysis for the final report, the researchers found those taking aspirin had a 44-per cent reduced heart attack risk.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

NATCHITOCHES, Louisiana: A 2-pound (900 gram) baby was hospitalized in critical condition one day after a doctor declared her dead, a spokeswoman said yesterday.

The girl began to cry moments before an undertaker arrived to pick up her body on Wednesday. "The hair just stood up on the back of my neck. By the time the funeral home got there, we had her in the nursery and stabilised and on a respirator," said Dr Lynn Brummette, who had pronounced the infant dead.

The baby was rushed to Schrumper Medical Centre's neonatal intensive care unit in Shreveport. Kaitlin Payton, 17, gave birth to the unnamed child around 5 am on Wednesday in Natchitoches Parish Hospital. The baby was three months premature, Miss Payton said. (AP)

BLUE ISLAND, Illinois: Wives angered because their husbands were losing money gambling tipped off police, resulting in a series of raids and four arrests on Wednesday night.

In addition to the arrests, police also confiscated six automatic poker machines and an illegal lottery game from two taverns in Blue Island, a suburb south of Chicago.

Undercover Cook County vice officers were sent to gamble at the two bars and when they won and were paid off, uniformed officers made the arrests, said Cook County sheriff's investigator John Paris. (UPI)

HOLLAND, Michigan: Parnesio Iglesias is going to court to fight for the right to keep his pet rooster, and his chances will be Webster's dictionary. Iglesias, 52, will challenge a city ordinance that excludes roosters from the list of domestic animals that residents are permitted to own.

His legal argument is simple and to the point: Since the dictionary defines the rooster as a domestic animal, so should the city of Holland. He also will argue that his pet poses no threat to anyone's health or safety.

Iglesias said he bought his pet rooster—named "Scott"—about a month ago and has received no complaints from his immediate neighbours. However, someone who lives down the street gripped, leading to a citation. (UPI)

SANFORD, Florida: A grocery store shoplifter has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for trying to steal five slabs of sirloin.

Johnell Warren, who has an extensive theft record, was sentenced on Tuesday to spend two decades in prison for trying to remove 2 pounds (900 g) of bottom round and 7 pounds (3.1 kg) of top sirloin from a grocery store.

Warren, 37, testified at his trial in May that he has stolen meat in the past to support his cocaine habit. But, he said, he stuffed the steak down his pants in November to feed several nieces who were living with him. (UPI)

SAN FRANCISCO: A would-be jail escape artist who once got stuck trying to squeeze through the bars of his cell was foiled by a traffic jam in his fifth try for freedom.

An off-duty patrolman spotted Jackie Robinson, 40, clad in a bright jailhouse orange jumpsuit, hobbling on a crutch to a waiting getaway car on Wednesday outside the Hall of Justice.

Patrolman Robert Clevidence, 27, tailed the car and then nabbed the prisoner, who fled on foot and after the getaway car stalled in traffic.

Robinson's latest escape attempt came as he was being led back to his jail cell after a pretrial hearing on burglary, and assault charges. He broke free from custody and fled down a flight of stairs. (UPI)



Beating the odds

Mark Wellman, a ranger naturalist and a paraplegic begins an ascent of El Capitan in Yosemite National Park in California on Wednesday. The climb is expected to take seven days to complete with specially designed equipment. (Reuters wirephoto)

BEVERLY HILLS: Carol Channing launched what was billed as the world's largest matzo ball into a giant bowl of chicken soup to get things rolling on Wednesday night at the opening of the Carnegie deli in Beverly Hills. The deli is owned by billionaire oilman Marvin Davis, who has long been a fan of the original Carnegie deli in New York. In fact, Davis says he once called his wife to tell her that he was getting on a plane in New York with \$1,000 worth of Carnegie food but by the time the plane stopped in Denver, he only had \$600 of it left.

Showing up for the opening were George Burns, Betty White, Milton Berle, Don Rickles, hockey star Wayne Gretzky, sportscaster John Madden and director Billy Wilder. Members of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union also were present but they carried picket signs saying "Davis is a big guy with a small heart" and complained that he doesn't pay his employees enough. (UPI)

PITTSBURGH: Batman fans with \$25 and some daring can sport the latest in Gotham City chic: A caped crusader haircut, complete with a bat logo and bat ears.

"It's more like a flattop with an indent for the ears," said Rod Pele, a barber at the R@R creative images salon.

To do the cut, Pele shaves off some hair in the back of the head, where he uses permanent dye to paint a black-and-gold Batman symbol. Then he flattens the top, leaving tufts of hair that resemble bat ears. (UPI)

PAWTUCKET, Rhode Island: Two hundred preschoolers asked who they would like to have as a teacher next school year gave an overwhelming approval to Big Bird, but most turned thumbs down on President Bush.

When given a list of five celebrities to be their teacher next school year, 53 per cent voted for Big Bird, a character from the programme Sesame Street. Entertainer Bill Cosby edged actor Michael J. Fox for second place. Bush and TV actress Reseanne Barr tied for last with just 9 per cent of the votes.

One six-year-old from New York said he picked Big Bird "because he's fun—he looks like a bird but really isn't." One Bush supporter said he voted for the President because "he looks like he has money."

More than 70 per cent said they know their parents send them to school to learn. One 4-year-old girl from Oklahoma said she believes she goes to school "to learn what to do in a tornado." One New York boy said he goes "because it's the law." (UPI)

WALDO, Florida: A Navy jet on a training mission accidentally dropped a 950-pound bomb into a neighbourhood, where it hit the ground, bounced over a home and landed in a field.

Margie Bowers said she was watching from her bedroom window on Wednesday as the dud bomb dropped from an FA-18 Hornet jet. The bomb landed about 300 feet (90m) from her home and bounced toward the window, but struck a tree and was deflected over the house.

"I'm going to go outside every year and kiss that tree," said Bowers, whose three grandchildren were inside the house with her. (UPI)

ARMARILLO, Texas: T. Boone Pickens will no longer stage his corporate raids out of Amarillo, Texas. Pickens' wheeler and dealer brought the national spotlight to Amarillo—to say nothing of \$90 million a year to the city's economy—but now he is moving to Dallas. The Dallas Morning News says Pickens, who announced last month he was moving his Mesa Limited Partnership to Dallas, has bought a \$2.9 million, four-bedroom Tudor mansion that has a second floor ballroom and two-story trophy room. Pickens has lived in Amarillo for 45 years and said in his autobiography that moving to the Panhandle city "was probably the best thing that ever happened to me." (UPI)

LAKE CITY, Colorado: Scientists trying to unravel the mystery of cannibal Alfred Packer found a partial skull on Wednesday at the supposed gravesite of Packer's five victims.

The skull was the 12th bone fragment found by scientists at a memorial to Packer in the southwest Colorado Mountains near Lake City. Earlier bones were from a skull, a hand, a foot and a femur, the long bone of the leg.

The new bones will be sent to the Arizona State Museum in Tucson to be analysed and then returned to the memorial in August.

Scientists say they hope the tests will show if Packer's victims died and whether their flesh had been eaten. (UPI)

Blood tests disprove theory US attorney reviews pilot's case

HOLLYWOOD, Florida, July 21. (AP) The US attorney in Miami has received FBI files on lawyer-pilot Thomas Root and is looking into contradictions in his account of his 800-mile (1,300-kilometre) autopilot flight, a spokeswoman confirmed yesterday.

A source close to the investigation told the Associated Press that it would probably examine filing of false information about a flight and liability for expenses of search and rescue after Root ditched in Bahamian waters.

Diane Cosins, executive assistant to US attorney Dexter Lehtinen, confirmed that the office is looking into the case, adding "we will not discuss any matters concerning an ongoing investigation."

Todd Root said yesterday that his brother has no explanation for reports by pilots who intercepted the flight a week ago that they saw Root's head move when he said he was flying unconscious. He said Thomas Root would stay in the hospital for another week for testing.

Results of Root's blood test for carbon monoxide were negative, ruling out that explanation for his claimed loss of consciousness, authorities said Wednesday. Results of drug and alcohol tests are expected later this week.

The pilot says he was on a routine business flight, passed out, and must have been shot when his handgun accidentally went off before he regained consciousness in Bahamian waters.

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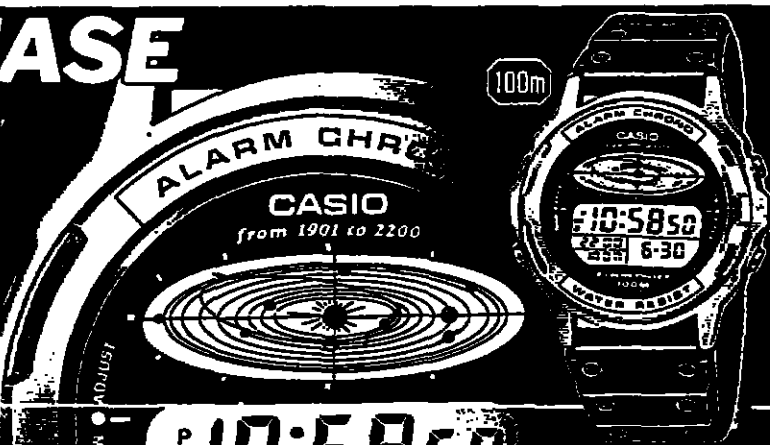
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Train derailed

LONDON, July 21, (AP): Five cars on a crowded express train from Glasgow derailed last night on the outskirts of London but the 300 passengers escaped serious injury, police said.

British Rail said one coach ended up on its side.

Only 10 people required treatment for minor injuries, said the police and British Rail.

The state network said it suspected vandals had placed something on the tracks near Marrow station.

"Trains just don't leave the rails for no reason," a British Rail spokesman said.

Dual roles

LOS ANGELES, July 21, (AP): The nation's top immigration appeals official took part in a secret committee that shaped plans to apprehend and deport alien terrorists, according to government documents.

It was "a clear conflict of interest," said David Milhollan to serve on a policy-making panel while she supervised the immigration courts, said Marc van der Hout, attorney for eight Los Angeles-area immigrants fighting deportation.

Van der Hout said Milhollan's dual functions prejudiced a government case against the immigrants — seven Palestinians and a Kenyan.

Goodwill envoys

WASHINGTON, July 21, (UPI): President Bush, criticized in Congress for peddling top diplomatic jobs to big campaign donors, announced on Wednesday he was nominating two women active in state party politics as ambassadors to Norway and Malta.

As Senator Albert Gore, Democrat of Tennessee, led an unsuccessful effort in Congress to urge Bush to appoint at least 30 per cent of his ambassadors from the career Foreign Service ranks, the White House announced Bush's intention to nominate Peace Corps director Lore Ruppe to be ambassador to Norway and Sally Novetzke as the ambassador to the Republic of Malta.

Deportations

UNITED NATIONS, July 21, (AP): Senegal accused Mauritania yesterday of deporting 2,000 blacks in two days earlier this week and said "it is to be feared that not a single black Mauritanian will be unaffected by the measures."

Hundreds have died in racial violence between black Senegalese and the Arab and Berber Mauritaniens that began in April. Estimates of the death toll range from 250 to more than 400.

In a letter to the Security Council, Senegal's acting foreign minister accused Mauritania of accelerating a campaign to deport its black minority.

Goodwill visit

NORFOLK, Va., July 21, (Reuters): More than 1,000 Soviet sailors will get a taste of American life from hamburgers to baseball, during a four-day goodwill visit to this US Navy port.

The seamen will arrive today aboard three Soviet warships in the first such ship visit to the United States in 14 years.

"We're going to show Soviet sailors what it's like to be in America," said Navy Lieutenant Commander Steve Burnett, a spokesman at US Atlantic Fleet headquarters in Norfolk.

Arms detection

STOCKHOLM, July 21, (Reuters): A Soviet-US experiment has shown it may be possible to detect nuclear weapons on warships at long range, according to a senior Soviet official. Deputy Foreign Minister Viktor Karpov, the chief Soviet spokesman on arms control, said the recent experiment conducted in the Black Sea by Soviet and American scientists had deep significance for naval arms control efforts.

He gave no other details of the experiment but said it had made a significant contribution to the question of how possible naval disarmament agreements could be verified.

Forest fire

LACANAU, France, July 21, (Reuters): Holidaymakers fled campsites and villages in southwestern France yesterday as forest fires raged for the third consecutive day.

Huge columns of smoke blanketed the sun while police led more than 6,000 people to safety in Les Landes, the worst-hit region of the southwest coast.

"We were the last to leave. They gave us an hour," said one holidaymaker told to get out of the lakeside village of Lougarise with his family and 1,500 other inhabitants.

Bulldozers moved in quickly to dig a firebreak that saved the village.

AIDS statistics

GENEVA, July 21, (Reuters): The number of reported AIDS cases in Europe increased by almost 80 per cent in one year, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said today.

Between March 1988 and March 1989, 9,636 new cases of acquired immune deficiency disease, an increase of 78.8 per cent, were reported by 31 countries to bring the cumulative total to 21,857 for Europe, WHO said.

The highest cumulative incidence rates per million population were noted in Switzerland (122.1), France (115.3) and Denmark (76.9).

Douglas Hurd rules out relaxation of immigration laws

LONDON, July 21, (KUNA): British Home Secretary Douglas Hurd ruled out here yesterday any relaxation of UK immigration laws.

Speaking in central London, Hurd said he was "absolutely persuaded" that racial harmony in Britain depended on strict immigration controls.

He told a meeting of the diplomatic and

'Voting' may split Solidarity

Tension prevails over election outcome

WARSAW, July 21, (Agencies): A group of Solidarity lawmakers said yesterday the election of Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski as President may split the labour union because Poles have been upset by the fact that many deputies abstained from voting and thus helped the general to win.

Barbara Labuda, a deputy from the southwestern city of Wroclaw said "a state of tension is in the region over the election outcome."

Labuda predicted Poland had had last calm days of "social peace" and the country faces a problem with the election of a new govern-

ment. Jaruzelski received 270 votes on Wednesday from the 537 legislators who cast valid ballots in the election at the joint session of the new parliament, one more than the 269 he needed for a majority. There were 233 votes against the Communist Party leader and 34 abstentions.

"It will slow down the development of the union," Czeslaw Nowak from Gdansk said.

"The people may start to renounce their membership in the union when they have become aware that Solidarity elected Jaruzelski," Edward Krasowski said.

Jaruzelski, in his first interview since becoming President today urged Solidarity to enter a communist-led government but the opposition movement refused.

Its parliamentary leader Bronislaw Geremek instead proposed that Solidarity should form a government.

In an interview with the Communist Party daily Trybuna Ludu, Jaruzelski also revealed he was among hundreds of thousands of Poles deported to Siberia when Soviet troops invaded Poland in conjunction with Hitler's Army at the start of World War Two in 1939.

Rioters attack police station

Gorbachev signals purge of hardliners

MOSCOW, July 21, (Agencies): Ethnic extremists in a strife-torn region of Soviet Georgia attacked a police station and armed guards at several factories, seizing a large number of firearms, Tass reported today.

Forty-nine people were arrested last night in the Black Sea resort area for curfew violations, and police confiscated more than 200 weapons, the official Soviet news agency said.

Special flights continued to evacuate thousands of tourists stranded in the region, where six days of clashes between Abkhazian and Georgian extremists have forced a halt to all road and rail traffic.

At least 18 people have been killed in the riots and 339 injured, including 30 police officers and seven internal security troops.



Straw hats

The rain is gone, the sun is out. This unidentified woman is back to selling straw hats and fans to tourists in Manila, which experienced rains spawned by typhoon Gordon. (Reuters wirephoto)

US backs OAS bid for Panama

Rivals say ruling at odds

WASHINGTON, July 21, (AP): Organisation of American States foreign ministers, with the reluctant support of the United States, have approved a declaration calling for a transfer of power in Panama on Sept. 1, followed by free elections.

The ministers yesterday also extended to Aug. 23 the mandate of an OAS mediating team that has been trying to help bring an end to the two-month-old political crisis in Panama.

The declaration was carefully drafted over two days and was ambiguous enough to permit both the United States and the representative of Panamanian leader Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, who heads the Panamanian defence forces, remains the de facto leader of the nation.

Opposition leaders say Panama's political crisis will only be

prolonged by the OAS declaration.

The opposition charged the declaration effectively accepts annulment of a May 7 presidential vote in which its candidate, Guillermo Endara, claimed victory.

It is demanding that the May 7 election outcome be properly recognised as an opposition victory and that its candidate take power on Sept. 1.

Privately, US officials expressed dismay with the outcome, but Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger indicated in brief remarks that there were enough teeth in the declaration to warrant US backing.

In addition, the new elections called for must not be held in "one, two or three years but as soon as possible," he said, adding, "Gen. Noriega must go."

"In Kaspisky district, extremists attacked an Interior Ministry department and stole 30 confiscated hunting guns," Tass said.

"In the town of Samtredia, armed guards were attacked in a number of factories," the news agency said. "Military firearms, including automatic weapons, fell into the hands of extremists."

A spokesman for the Interior Ministry in Moscow said the situation in Abkhazia, 800 miles (1,290 kilometres) south of Moscow, and nearby regions remains tense.

"Tourists continue to be evacuated from the area," Tass said. "Women and children are the first to leave and prompt action by law enforcement forces ensured that there was not a single attack on tourism."

Authorities declared the popular seaside resort of Sukhumi, the Abkhazian capital, off-limits to millions of tourists who vacation there each year. A state of emergency, including an 11 pm-to-6 am curfew, was imposed in Abkhazia on Tuesday.

Since the emergency measures were announced, police and troops had seized more than 2,700 firearms.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, has warned he wants a quick purge of hardliners at all levels of the Communist Party including the ruling Politburo.

Gorbachev issued the warning on Tuesday at a clearly stormy meeting of communist chiefs from across the country to discuss the party's waning prestige among the Soviet people, according to an account published in Pravda today.

"The ranks of party officials need renewal, a flow of fresh blood. And they need to be renewed at the level of the shop-floor, the district, the city, the region, the republic, the Central Committee and the Politburo," he declared.

Verdict reached

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 21, (AP): A district court reached a verdict yesterday in the trial of the man accused of killing Prime Minister Olof Palme. The decision was kept secret, but the defendant was ordered to remain in custody, indicating he had been convicted.

Christer Pettersson, 42, was ordered held until publication of the verdict and sentence next Thursday. Had he been found innocent, he would have been freed immediately.

Pettersson, a Swede with a long criminal record, has denied killing Palme. The four-term prime minister was shot to death Feb. 28, 1986, on a Stockholm street.

"We have decided the question of guilt," judge Michael Af Geijerstam, said after a meeting of the eight-member panel. He refused to comment further.

Pettersson, who has a prior conviction for manslaughter, was arrested last December. The trial began June 5.

Moi in Maputo to aid peace process

MAPUTO, Mozambique, July 21, (Agencies): Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi arrived today in the capital of Mozambique in an effort to help President Joaquim Chissano end the 12-year civil war that has devastated his country.

Chissano on Monday announced the dual meeting in which Moi would visit Mozambique to aid the peace process, while at the same time a delegation of Mozambican church leaders and low-level government officials would go to Nairobi, Kenya to meet a delegation from the Mozambique National Resistance guerrillas.

Moi has been trying to mediate an end to Mozambique's war which broke out after the country gained independence from Portugal in 1977. The conflict has killed an estimated 100,000 people, made refugees of 1.6 million more and left half the country's 14.7 million people wholly or partly dependent on food aid.

On Wednesday, talks scheduled to take place in Nairobi between Mozambique National Resistance rebels and Mozambican church leaders fell through.

One source said the meeting failed because the two sides could not agree on a meeting place, while another source said either one or both of the parties simply failed to arrive in Kenya's capital.

Mozambican officials said both the Mozambican churchmen and the government officials had been in Nairobi since July 11, waiting for the guerrilla delegation. Chissano said the guerrillas had failed to attend previously scheduled meetings in April, June, and earlier in July.

Guerrillas massacred 83 peasants, including women and children, and wounded more than 200 in an attack on an undefended village in southern Mozambique, the state radio reported yesterday.

The radio said about 200 "bandits" of the Mozambique National Resistance attacked a crowd of more than 1,000 people attending an outdoor ceremony on Tuesday in Sanguane, a village in the southern province of Gaza.

Noticias, a Maputo newspaper, said the village has no military guard, but some people escaped and notified armed forces in a nearby town who killed 20 guerrillas at Sanguane and captured some weapons.

The guerrilla movement, which seeks to force the leftist government into a power-sharing arrangement, has been accused repeatedly by Mozambican officials of committing massacres and other atrocities.

In South Africa, police said yesterday they detained 567 Mozambican refugees overnight when they fled across the border to escape a separate gunbattle, in which witnesses reported dozens killed.

One person drowned in the Komati River while attempting to flee into South Africa, but the number of other deaths from the Wednesday night fighting on the Mozambican side of the border at Ressano Garcia was unknown, said Capt. Ruben Bloomberg at police headquarters in Pretoria.

State-run radio South Africa said witnesses in the South African border town of Komatipoort reported dozens of people were killed at Ressano Garcia when guerrillas fired small arms and mortars at Mozambican government soldiers.

African officials yesterday again postponed formation of a continental military force which could be used to check South Africa, saying countries might not be able to afford it.

Portugal has urged Angola to commute the death sentence for one of two Air Force pilots condemned to death by firing squad for spying for South Africa, officials said today.



A United Airlines jet takes off for Denver Thursday carrying some of the survivors and their family members from Wednesday's crash. Below the jet lies the main fuselage of United Flight 232. (Reuters wirephoto)



A United Airlines employee comforts a young woman after she learned the fate of her loved one.



Relatives of passengers on the ill-fated flight wait outside a hall at Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, Iowa to learn the fate of their loved ones. (Reuters wirephoto)

On board Flight 232

SIoux CITY, Iowa, July 21, (Agencies): When the pilot of a United Airlines DC-10 told passengers to expect a "very rough" landing at Sioux City's Airport, Lori Michaelson held her daughter, Sabrina, tight.

"I was just mostly worried about being able to hang on to the 1-year-old," she said.

But Wednesday's deadly crash separated mother from daughter.

Mrs. Michaelson, a Denver, Colorado, resident, said about an hour from Flight 232's scheduled arrival in Chicago, the pilot said over the intercom that the tail of the airplane had been damaged and that an emergency landing was necessary.

"He said we'd have to land and that it would be a rough impact. He advised us to go into a crash position," she said.

Sabrina was on her lap, and she held her tightly. Nearby was her husband, Mark, and their two sons, Doug, 6, and Andy, 4.

"We're expecting a rough landing. In fact, a very rough landing," the pilot said, according to Michaelson.

Twenty minutes later, the plane crashed while attempting an emergency landing at Sioux Gateway Airport.

Mrs. Michaelson said the airplane flipped when it hit, and she felt the child sliding to the floor.

Smoke filled the cabin and when their section of the airplane came to a rest, the couple and their sons fumbled around until finding a way out.

As they climbed outside, Michaelson asked, "where's the baby?"

Desperate, he went back into the wreckage but encountered thick smoke and was forced to leave.

Then they saw the child, apparently unharmed, in a woman's arms.

Asked how she had come to have the child, the woman said some man had handed her over.

"God, I wish he hadn't," said Michaelson. "I'd like to thank him personally."

Survivors told of terror and heroism as their crippled DC-10 struggled toward an emergency landing and then crashed and broke up about a half-mile (kilometre) from the airport.

"The plane came down. It bounced twice, flipped into the air and we were sitting there, upside down and it began to fill



Captain Al Haynes

up with smoke," said Cliff Marshall, who was returning home from Denver on the flight Wednesday.

"Then God opened a hole in the basement (the bottom of the plane) and I pushed a little girl out. I grabbed another, kept pulling them out until they didn't come no more."

Marshall said he thought he helped about six people out of the plane and then ran.

An unidentified survivor interviewed by a local radio station said that about a half-hour before the crash, "there was a big, loud noise that kind of shook the plane."

"The pilot got on and said one of our engines had blown and quit. He said when it blew it hurt the tail of the plane and the pilots couldn't control the plane," the passenger said.

He said the plane circled for about a half-hour "while the pilots figured out what to do. Then they said we were preparing for a crash landing. They said it would be about 30 seconds, but it was about five minutes."

"When we hit, the plane broke right in front of me. It rolled over twice, I think, then it burst into flames," he said. "I grabbed an old lady in front of me and a baby and I went out the plane. Then I looked back and there were flames and I ran into the Cornfield."

Survivor Garry Priest, 23, said those who got out of the plane saw what "looked like a war zone. Bodies, trash, magazines, luggage, and pieces of bodies lit

tered the area. It was the worst thing I've ever seen."

"We could not believe anybody could walk away from it," said Dr. David Greco, director of emergency services for the Marian Health Centre and one of the first physicians on the scene.

Among the passengers was another pilot, who put a pillow over his head as the plane crashed and cartwheeled three times just off an unused runway.

"We rolled upside down, and inside out and every which way. The plane broke into three pieces, and bodies all over the place, hanging upside down," said Charlie Martz, of Castle Rock, Colorado.

"I unfastened my belt and dropped a little ways. ... Finally I saw what I thought was an open window, but there were flames. I said, 'I'll hell with it, I'm going for it' and I went through the flames. I can't believe it, there were people with feet missing and arms missing, it's the goddamnest thing I've ever seen in my life."

Danny Surge of Chicago said when it was apparent the plane was in trouble passenger Ron Rhode of Marysville, Ohio, went over to sit with 8-year-old Ben Radtke of Prairie View, Illinois, who was travelling alone.

The plane "hit and bounced, then flipped and spun around so we ended up upside down. I let go and asked Dan for the kid" and shoved him out, Rhode said.

Mechanical failures such as the one which apparently caused yesterday's DC-10 disaster are an increasing cause of plane crashes, according to a survey here yesterday.

Today's issue of the specialist magazine Flight International said of the 26 fatal air accidents in the first six months of this year, nine involved mechanical failure.

Of the others, six had involved bad weather conditions, and pilot error was a significant factor in 14.

The London-based magazine said: "The mechanical failure figure is higher than usual."

A United Airlines flight from Los Angeles to Sydney made an unscheduled landing in Fiji's Nadi Airport after developing engine problems, an airline spokesman said today.

(For more of the crash see Page 11)

Chinese hit out at patriotic activities

BEIJING, July 21, (Agencies): China today for the first time issued a precondition for Hong Kong to remain capitalist when it reverts to Chinese rule in 1997 and said it would not tolerate continued interference by the British colony's residents.

The warning was made in a strongly worded commentary in the Communist Party newspaper, the People's Daily, that apparently was written by a high-level official and it immediately triggered angry reaction in Hong Kong, already tense over its scheduled return to Chinese rule.

"We will not allow people to use Hong Kong as a base for subverting the central people's government, this has been the Chinese government's consistent policy," the commentary declared.

It said China would stand by its promise that the enclave can remain capitalist for at least 50 years, but added, "not engaging in activities to overthrow (the Chinese government) is a precondition for allowing (Hong Kong) to retain its capitalist system."

It also said any participation by Hong Kong residents in affairs of the mainland would have to be in keeping with mainland laws.

Hundreds of thousands Hong Kong residents joined in protest marches and petition drives after the June 3-4 Army attack on pro-democracy student protesters in Beijing. Many said the attack, followed by thousands of arrests, would accelerate emigration from Hong Kong.

Restored

Chinese leaders have said they want to restore confidence among Hong Kong residents. They assured prominent Hong Kong residents invited to Beijing that China had not changed its policy of "one country, two systems" after 1997.

But the tone of today's commentary, with its declaration that true democracy can only be found under the socialist system, already was provoking the opposite effect.

"This is the time to see how strong our backbone is," democracy activist Szeto Wah, who was criticised in the commentary, said on Hong Kong radio.

The commentary singled out Szeto's group, the newly formed Hong Kong Alliance in support of the patriotic democratic movement in China, which has pledged 1.2 million Hong Kong dollars (\$156,000) to help fugitives from the mainland movement.

Without mentioning them by name, it accused Szeto and vice-chairman Martin Lee of supporting independence for Hong Kong and plotting to overthrow the communist government in Beijing.

Szeto denied the charge, saying he opposed China's current leaders but not socialism. He and Lee are members of a joint Hong Kong-Chinese committee that is drafting a basic law to govern Hong Kong after 1997.

"The Chinese leaders know that we have popular support and this is their way, their devious way ... of persuading people not to join us out of fear," Lee said on Hong Kong radio.

The Chinese government, continuing a tightening in intellectual areas and education after the crushing of the student-led democracy movement, announced today the number of students entering universities this fall will be reduced by 30,000.

Government television quoted a state education commission spokesman as saying the number of students entering universities this fall would be reduced to 610,000 from 640,000.

The spokesman cited several reasons for the decision, including a decline in education quality in recent years due to the rising number of enrolments and the difficulty of placing graduating students in jobs.

Serve

"Some subjects, for instance the humanities, are not well-defined," the spokesman said. "They must be reorganised to serve the needs of socialist construction."

And in Paris, five prominent Chinese dissidents yesterday urged compatriots world-wide to end Peking's "unprecedented tyranny" and rally to their newly-formed Chinese Democratic Front.

Speaking at a news conference, student leader Wuerkai, flanked by a Peking entrepreneur and three leading intellectuals, said:

"Dissident Fang Lizhi, who has been sheltering in the US embassy since the bloody crushing of pro-democracy protests in June, has been stripped of his posts in a Chinese research society, official reports said today."



Future teller

A trained parrot, picks out a card for a roadside fortune teller in the old section of New Delhi. Itinerant performers and soothsayers flock to the Indian capital during the summer to escape the heat of the nearby deserts and to seek larger audiences. (Reuter wirephoto)

Sihanouk urges to end colonisation

PARIS, July 21, (Reuters): Cambodian resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk today urged an end to Vietnamese colonisation in his country and said there would be no peace until Vietnamese settlers and soldiers had left.

He said the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops at the end of September would not bring an overnight end to the 10-year war.

"There are over 130,000 armed Vietnamese disguised as Cambodians in Cambodia. There are also more than a million Vietnamese settlers," Sihanouk told a news conference ahead of next week's Paris International Peace Conference.

"If there is a ceasefire, they have got to go," the NCR (National Cambodian Resistance) leader said on Oct 1, he said.

Sihanouk, leader of the three-party NCR coalition, also strongly defended the participation of his notorious guerrilla partners, the Khmer Rouge, in the Paris talks.

The Khmer Rouge, the strongest military force in the resistance coalition, are blamed for over a million deaths during their four-year rule in Cambodia. They were eventually ousted from Phnom Penh by Vietnamese troops in 1979.

Sihanouk said the Khmer Rouge were now prepared to dis-

arm under the eyes of an international monitoring commission.

One of the main topics at the Paris talks, to be attended by up to 20 nations including the superpowers, will be the guarantees that are needed to make a settlement stick.

Heavy shells pounded a major Khmer Rouge refugee camp today, killing one man and wounding 10 other refugees, Western relief officials said.

They said 27 or 28 rounds crashed into the Site 8 camp, sending most of the 40,000 inhabitants fleeing into bunkers, to a road or to the base of a cliff separating Thailand and Cambodia.

The three hours of shelling in the morning followed overnight fighting in the area, said a Thai security official who requested anonymity.

Prince Sihanouk talking during a press conference.

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Forced repatriation

No deal struck yet

HONG KONG, July 21, (Reuters): Tension rose in Hong Kong's jammed Vietnamese refugee camps today on fears that London and Hanoi had struck a deal to return boat people forcibly to the land they all risked to leave.

Officials said the number of boat people volunteering to go back had increased significantly in recent days as word of the negotiations filtered through to the camps. Refugee workers said they feared violence if a deal was signed.

A Western diplomatic source who follows Vietnamese refugee affairs closely said: "There is no agreement signed on forced repatriation, and it won't be signed until at least after a meeting in Bangkok next week."

The source said Vietnam and Britain were "still hashing out details. (British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey) Howe and Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach reached an agreement to agree at some point in London last month, but there's nothing on paper yet."

"I wish people in London would not leak things that aren't true," he said, a reference to press reports that agreement had been reached and forced repatriation for a first group was imminent.

Diplomatic sources said any agreement would include a form of words that did not refer to forced repatriation to satisfy Vietnamese fears that they could be accused of infringing human rights.

Burmese opposition leaders placed under long-term house arrest

RANGOON, Burma, July 21, (AP): The two leaders of Burma's main opposition party were placed under long-term house arrest for their attempt to "destroy the military and revive anarchy in the country," government authorities said today.

Confined to their residences and cut off from their supporters yesterday were Aung San Suu Kyi and Tin Oo, who have led the National League for Democracy in increasingly outspoken attacks against the martial law government.

Government spokesmen told a news conference the house arrest could last one year and be renewed

LDP may face more trouble

Ruling party will lose: opinion polls

TOKYO, July 21, (Reuters): Japan's ruling party is going to have increasing trouble dealing with parliament if it loses its majority in the upper house in this Sunday's elections, as expected, political analysts said today.

The upper house of Japan's bicameral parliament is less powerful than the lower house, but the scandal-ridden Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) now faces the prospects of an opposition able to delay and obstruct even more than before.

Opinion polls indicate the LDP will win

only about 35 seats of the 126 at stake, far less than the 54 it needs to retain its majority, as a result of a series of scandals and the introduction of an unpopular sales tax in April.

It's not the end of the world for the LDP — the party can continue its 34-year unbroken hold on the government by virtue of its majority in the lower house. But the upper house has significant powers nevertheless.

"The LDP will be forced to compromise in future," said Yasuzaburo Hoshino, law professor at Ritsko University. "The lower house has the legislative power, but you can-

not create any new laws without the consent of the upper house."

Under the Japanese constitution, the lower house can overrule upper house decisions, but only if it has a two-thirds majority in the lower house. The LDP does not.

"The opposition parties will now start submitting their own bills in the upper house instead of simply boycotting deliberations over LDP-sponsored bills," said Kuniko Inaguchi, associate professor at Sophia University.

Friendly Indian pullout sought

COLOMBO, July 21, (Reuters): Sri Lanka hopes to resolve its dispute over the withdrawal of 45,000 Indian soldiers from the island in a "friendly manner" as it does not have the arms and the might to confront its giant neighbour, Foreign Minister Ranjana Wijeratne told parliament today.

Wijeratne said President Ranasinghe Premadasa set an end of July deadline for peacekeeping troops to leave because he was irritated by India's failure to withdraw them as promised.

"Between last January and May, no Indian troops were sent back as promised. This irritated the President and then he decided to set a deadline for their pull out," Wijeratne said at the end of a two-day debate to extend a state of emergency.

Premadasa brought in emergency rule in June, enforced press censorship and gave security forces tough powers to combat an anti-government campaign by left-wing rebels.

The leftist People's Liberation Front, blamed for killing more than 2,500 people in the past two years, has vowed to topple the government through armed force.

Earlier Parliamentary Affairs Minister Vincent Perera said the rebels had killed 470 people, including politicians, in one month up to July 15.

The emergency, re-imposed after being lifted last January, has to be approved by parliament every month. It was passed by 123 to 65 votes today.

New Delhi says the Indian peacekeeping force sent to police a 1987 pact to end a Tamil separatist rebellion will be withdrawn after administrative autonomy is given to the Tamil-dominated north and east and peace returns to that region.

Wijeratne said Premadasa wanted India to accept that the President was commander-in-chief of both Sri Lankan and Indian troops and could ask the Indians to leave at any time.

"Also the troops should stop attacking Tamil rebels who are holding peace talks with the government," he said, referring to discussions with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. The Tigers rejected the 1987 agreement.

Wijeratne, also deputy minister of defence, said the left-wing rebels were like leeches.

"They go underground during a drought and surface when it rains. The terrorists, mostly misguided youth, think they can capture power by the gun."

An Indian naval task force will hold an exercise near Sri Lanka in an apparent display of power aimed at pressing Colombo to relent on an ultimatum for an Indian troop withdrawal by July 29, Western diplomats said today.

Foreign Minister Sahasrabudhe Yashwanth said he would pay a one-day official visit to Colombo tomorrow to hold the stalled 7th meeting of South Asian foreign ministers, an official spokesman said in Islamabad today.

6 Pakistanis killed in ethnic riots

ISLAMABAD, July 21, (KUNA): The situation in Hyderabad city which was Wednesday gripped by bloody ethnic riots, was reported generally quiet yesterday.

Troops and para-military units were patrolling the city which was on Wednesday placed under curfew following the riots in which six persons were killed and 20 injured.

According to a press release issued yesterday by the district



Malaysian prison wardens unload the body of Derrick Gregory at a mortuary near Kuala Lumpur yesterday. The Briton was hanged for drug trafficking despite a last minute appeal to King Sultan Azlan Shah. Gregory is the third Westerner hanged in Malaysia for drug offences. (Reuter wirephoto)

Convicted Briton hanged

Body to be flown back

KAJANG, Malaysia, July 21, (AP): Convicted British drug trafficker Derrick Gregory was hanged this morning after spending his last hours clutching a photograph of his 7-year-old daughter, officials said.

Kajang prison official said Gregory had requested the photo of his daughter, Tara, and it was the only possession they allowed him to keep before his execution. He had not seen his daughter since she was an infant.

Prison director Jamaluddin Hamid told reporters Gregory was hanged at Kajang prison, about 20 kilometres (12 miles) south of Kuala Lumpur, at 5:45 am (2145 GMT) yesterday. He declined to give details, but said, "there was no special treatment given to him."

The relevant people were present. The body was taken to a state mortuary two hours later, officials said.

Gregory was arrested for drug possession in 1982 and his wife, Carole, divorced him soon after he was sentenced to death in 1987. The final appeal for clemency for the man from Middlesex, England was turned down by the Penang state pardons board last week.

Gregory sent messages asking for help from Britain's Queen

Elizabeth, but British High Commission officials said it was not the practice for the Queen to intercede in such matters.

Gregory's lawyer, Rashed Rajasingam, said last week that Gregory wanted to be buried in Britain. Although Malaysian officials initially said the body would be cremated, first secretary Ashe Wyndham at the British High Commission said the body would be flown back to Britain in a few days.

The prison officials said Gregory's parents, Kenneth Gregory, 58, and Mary, 56, and his brother Paul, 25, visited him in the jail yesterday.

The family emerged from the building in tears, and left for home later the same day, Wyndham said.

"The British government had hoped that the representation made at all levels to the Malaysian authorities, making a plea for commutation of the death sentence on humanitarian grounds, would succeed. We are disappointed that they have not, and offer our sympathy to the family of Derrick Gregory," Wyndham said.

Gregory is the first Briton sentenced to death and hanged under Malaysia's stringent drug laws. Two Australians and several Singaporeans, Filipinos, Thais

and Indonesians have been sentenced to death and hanged.

Officials said Gregory was arrested with 576 grammes (20 ounces) of heroin hidden in his boots and underwear at Bayan Lepas Airport in Penang, 300 kilometres (180 miles) northwest of Kajang, in October 1983. He was sentenced to death in March 1987 by the Penang high court, and the supreme court rejected his appeal on April 19 of last year.

At the trial, the court in Penang was told Gregory had 14 packets of the drug in his boots and four packets hidden in his underwear, and was arrested just before he planned to board a plane for Singapore enroute to Los Angeles.

Under Malaysian law, it is not necessary to prove actual trafficking takes place. Anyone possessing more than 15 grammes of heroin is deemed to be a trafficker if possession is proved.

Deputy Home Affairs Minister Megat Juid Megat Ayub has said an estimated 350,000 of Malaysia's 17 million people are drug addicts, including many young people.

Since parliament passed the stiff laws in 1975, 221 people have been sentenced to death. Of these, 81, including Gregory, have been hanged.

Italian warning

Concern over mafia

ROME, July 21, (Reuters): Italy's top anti-mafia official has warned that the criminal society has matured into a complex international organisation with sophisticated banking operations and links to Italian and Middle Eastern commandos.

Domenico Sica, high commissioner against the mafia, also told a parliamentary commission on Wednesday night that the mafia has a central "management" outside Italy laundering money which mafia groups made from kidnappings for ransom.

"Investigations have shown that mafia members, members of Middle East terrorist groups, and members of (Italian) extreme-left organisations supply themselves with false identity documents from the same source," Sica said.

The theory that some of the attacks carried out against magistrates investigating the mafia were a co-ordinated effort by the criminal organisation and Middle East terrorist groups was gaining serious credibility, Sica said, without elaborating.

Last month police found a huge, remote-control bomb planted outside a beach villa which Italy's best-known anti-mafia magistrate, Giovanni Falcone, had rented for the summer.

9 hashish smugglers arrested

MILAN, Italy, July 21, (UPI): Police announced today they have smashed a mafia-based gang that smuggled large quantities of Moroccan hashish from Spain to northern Italy over a two-year period.

In the course of the operation nine suspected members of the gang were arrested and four other suspects reported to investigating magistrates, but allowed to remain free pending interrogation.

The big break in the investigation, under way for nearly two years, came at the end of June when finance police at the Ventimiglia Riviera frontier post between France and Italy found 265 pounds (120 kilograms) of hashish hidden in a truck coming from Spain.

Police arrested the truck driver, Francesco Annunziato, 31, and subsequent investigation in the Milan and nearby Liguria Riviera areas led to the arrest of the other eight suspects.

In the Milan home of a woman police believed was the "treasurer" of the gang, police seized 670 million lire (\$496,000) in cash.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Plane crash

FERNDAL, Maryland, July 21, (AP): A twin-engine plane caught fire shortly after takeoff Wednesday and crashed into a house near the airport, killing the pilot and a baby in the home and injuring six other residents, authorities said.

The home of Henry Beam, 33, and his wife, Janice, 31, burned to the ground after the Beechcraft 18 cargo plane slammed into it at about 7:30 am (1130 GMT). They and four of their children suffered minor injuries.

The body of 6-month-old Paul Beam was found in the rubble about 10:30 am (1430 GMT).

Turk convicted

SAVANNAH, GA., July, (Reuters): A Turkish national convicted of plotting to spy against the United States faces a possible life prison sentence.

Huseyin Yildirim, 61, was convicted by a federal jury yesterday of conspiring to carry out espionage in collaboration with former US Army warrant officer James Hall II, who confessed to similar charges in March and was sentenced to 40 years in prison by a military court.

Judge Avant Edenfield did not set a sentencing date for Yildirim, who faces a possible sentence of life in prison without parole.

House collapses

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 21, (AP): An explosion ripped through a small apartment building Wednesday, injuring eight people who apparently didn't hear or ignored officials' warnings to leave because of a natural gas leak, authorities said.

The blast at the public housing project occurred more than 90 minutes after a gas leak was detected and workers were unable to shut off the gas quickly, authorities said.

Some of the injured people were trapped in rubble for up to four hours as workers tried to free them while not disturbing the wreckage, authorities said.

Fourcade dies

PARIS, July 21, (AP): Marie-Madeleine Fourcade, one of the greatest heroes of the French resistance during World War II and later a Gaullist politician, died yesterday in a Paris military hospital, friends reported. She was 79.

Mrs Fourcade, who died after a long unspecified illness, was known for her daring feats in the face of Gestapo terror.

"She was terribly feminine," Navy Capt. Jean Boutron, who at one point smuggled her out of France in a mail sack, once said. "But she was more willpower than most men."

Test successful

PARIS, July 21, (KUNA): France has successfully test fired, for the third time, on Wednesday, its new "Hades" tactical nuclear missile, it was announced yesterday by the general armament division at the Defense Ministry.

The 480-kilometre range surface-to-surface "Hades," with its sophisticated guidance system is expected to gradually replace 1992 onwards, the 120-kilometre range "Pluton" missile the French Army is equipped with.

Air security

LONDON, July 21, (KUNA): Airport inspectors should pose as "terrorists" to test security systems in the UK, an all-party group of MPs said here yesterday.

Spot checks would be a better method than having journalists expose any deficiencies, said the House of Commons transport committee.

The recommendations came after reporters from several newspapers here obtained jobs at airports with false documentation, which was not checked, in the aftermath of the Lockerbie disaster.

Thatcher to decide

LONDON, July 21, (KUNA): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher must this weekend decide the fate of her environment secretary Nicholas Ridley in her cabinet reshuffle after conservative MPs called for his dismissal in a ferocious row over the community charge.

"Insiders" were quoted here by the media yesterday as saying that the prime minister had no desire to dismiss him, particularly since the crisis for his removal were coming from the British Press and from the opposition.

Ban lifted

PARIS, July 21, (AP): The French Government yesterday has lifted a ban on written communication among four imprisoned leaders of the extreme-left group direct action, who have been waging a three-month hunger strike.

But the government said it would not concede to their demands to hold "working meetings," in prison.

The four prisoners, two men and two women, are serving life terms for the 1986 murder of Georges Besse, president of the state-owned automaker Renault.

Soviet launch

MOSCOW, July 21, (KUNA): The Soviet Union launched the Cosmos-2032 artificial satellite with space exploration equipment on board yesterday. The satellite was taken into orbit by the Soyuz rocket booster, Tass news agency reported today.

The satellite carries a radio system for accurate measurement of the orbit's elements and radiotelemetry system to send information on the work of instruments and scientific equipment to earth.

Suspect remanded

UPPSALA, Sweden, July 21, (AP): The custody of a suspect in several terrorist bombings who reportedly was linked to a radical Palestinian commando group has been extended by a Swedish court, a clerk said today.

The court gave the state prosecutor until Aug 21 to prepare an indictment against Mahmoud Almorabbi. The district court clerk gave no other information about the suspect or the charges.

Home for the aged ensures proper care

Families notified of deaths

AN official source at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour has denied that guests of boarding houses for the aged who die in the house are buried by the ministry without notifying their families.

The ministry notifies the families of the aged when they suffer from health troubles and also sends notification of death for burial purposes. If the guest has no relatives, the ministry undertakes responsibility of burial, the official said.

He added that guests of the boarding

house increased from 28 persons (15 men and 13 women) in 1955 to 120 in 1985 (50 men and 70 women). But this number reduced to 109 guests last year (48 men and 61 women) despite the increase in population.

The ministry is undertaking a comprehensive study to determine optimum methods in addressing the issue of the aged. Presently, the ministry has begun focusing on the day service.

This facilitates aged persons to come to

the house during the day to get suitable services and return to spend their evenings with their families.

The official said that several researches have proved that reunion with families of aged has proved of immense satisfaction to the aged. He pointed out that the aged guests feel sad when away from their families and friends. They also feel sad when their relatives do not visit them, although they sign a pledge to visit them once a week at least. The boarding house

for the aged is the only welfare house that welcomes visitors of guests at any time.

Plans are under way to develop the nursing and physiotherapy services offered for the aged guests.

The house only receives Kuwaiti nationals who are over 60 years of age and have become senile. They should be free of any contagious or mental diseases. The house also admits those who have no families or belong to families who are not willing to care for them.

Police, citizen relations improve

KUWAIT, July 21, (KUNA): Director-General of the General Department for Police Communications Colonel Mohammed Al Qatami said that the department furnishes emergency services to citizens and also supervises the communications network which links the Interior Ministry with its various bodies.

In an interview with KUNA, Colonel Qatami said that the department aids the traffic department in monitoring roads and violations.

He said that the department encompasses smaller departments such as the department of police, communications engineering and police communication.

Head of the police department Col. Hussein Saqr Al Shatti said that his department aims mainly at producing qualified cadres through intensified training in the field of advanced communications systems.

Shatti affirmed that the Interior Ministry is sparing no effort to acquaint the public with the various traffic regulations, indicating that the policeman-citizen relation has improved in recent years, thanks to seminars and awareness programmes.

He affirmed that the policeman's job is not only to maintain law and order, but also to protect the country's borders from infiltrators.

On upgrading means of communication at the department, Assistant Director Major Yaqoub Al Yassin said that the capacity of the switchboard receiving reports has been upped from two to 10 direct lines.

UAE heat kills one

ABU DHABI, July 21, (KUNA): A wave of simmering heat, which has been hitting the UAE since the beginning of this week, has already killed one person.

Temperature yesterday morning measured 47 degrees Celsius. In Abu Dhabi one person died today and two others were paralysed partially as result of sun strokes.

The emergency unit of the main hospital here so far received this week more than 30 cases of sun strokes and heat exertions.



Soviet General Konstantin Kochetov greeting Army officers upon concluding his four day official visit to Kuwait.

Kuwait, Moscow enhance co-operation

Visit consolidated relations: Kochetov

MOSCOW, July 21, (KUNA): "The visit to Kuwait has been very useful. It promoted confidence-building measures and co-operation between our countries," Army General Konstantin Kochetov, First deputy defence minister of the USSR, told Tass today in an interview on the occasion of the completion of his four-day official visit to that Arab country.

According to General Kochetov, in the course of meetings and negotiations Kuwaiti military leaders expressed the desire to continue developing and strengthening the friendly and constructive dialogue in the military area.

"The visit has been a contribution to the development of mutual relations between the USSR and Kuwait," the general said. "Friendly and strong con-

tacts in the military area promote consolidation of economic and cultural relations," he believes.

An exchange of opinions with Kuwaiti Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah, and other military leaders, "was open and frank," General Kochetov said. "We have reaffirmed our support for Kuwaiti steps to bring a fair and durable peace to that explosive region of the world," the general said.

The visit has reaffirmed that the USSR and Kuwait are interested in the development of friendly relations, General Kochetov stressed.

Goals

In a press statement before his departure earlier and given to KUNA by the Defence Ministry, Kochetov said that his visit re-

affirmed its intended goals, indicating that it opened new horizons of military co-operation between Kuwait and Moscow and enhanced co-operation based on past agreements between the two countries.

General Kochetov had held talks with Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, Deputy Chief of Army Staff Maj. Gen. Jaber Al Khaled Al Sabah, and acting Defence Undersecretary Hmoud Mohammed Al Otajil.

He noted that his talks with Kuwaiti military officers took place in an atmosphere of friendship, full understanding and mutual good intentions.

The ranking Soviet official expressed admiration at the "fantastic" performance of the Kuwaiti Army staff in such weather conditions.

KD30 million for border projects

THE director of passages department at the Interior Ministry Colonel Mohammed Subaie has said that the ministry has decided to build big buildings at all border centres in the country. The costs of these projects will reach about KD30 million. The tenders will be offered in middle of next year and projects are expected to be completed in middle of 1992.

He pointed out that his department has a plan to establish a specialised institute to teach passport control employees at these border centres and airports various languages and detailed geography to qualify them for work in these places. He denied that any Kuwaiti citizen is prohibited from entering into Kuwait for any reason. He also added that big

dealers who were involved in Al Manakh crisis are no longer banned from travelling. They have had their passports restored and have the right to travel, he said.

He ruled out the assumption of departure fees at the border centres (land exits). But he added that relevant authorities are currently studying the issue of charges on trucks that enter into the country.

Col Subaie pointed out that the number of persons banned from travelling has reached 47,000 persons and most of them are Arab expatriates. 60 per cent of them are banned for commercial cases. Women constitute 5 per cent of total banned persons, he added.

Diabetes higher in women than men

ASSISTANT Professor at the Internal Diseases Department of Kuwait University Medical College, Dr Nabila Abdulla has said that the rate of diabetes in Kuwait is higher for women than men, particularly, for women between 32-45 years of age.

Interviewed by the Researcher magazine, published by Kuwait University, Nabila pointed out that she prepared a study on diabetes in Kuwait which included 400 cases visiting diabetes clinics.

Cause

The four-month long study revealed that obesity linked to pregnancy and maternity is the main cause of diabetes among women. She added that the study will provide the essential source to stand on the spread rate of diabetes among Kuwaitis, which will aid knowledge for the future requirements of health care in this field.

Dr Nabila who is currently studying the spread rates of diabetes type (NIDDM) and death rates resulting from this type in Kuwait pointed out that information in this field is rarely found. She added that a study which was conducted lately revealed that the spread rate of diabetes among youth under 19 years of age is low and may reach 3.9 cases for every 100,000 youths.

Problem

She said that the number of diabetes patients in Kuwait is estimated at 70,000, a little more than half of those patients are Kuwaitis (40,000).

Dr Nabila believes that diabetes is considered one of the main health problems in Kuwait pointing out that there is a dramatic increase of deaths in Kuwait caused by diabetes accompanied by old age. The death rate from diabetes among the over 75-year-old group is one of the highest rates in the world.

Dr Nabila has collected information from 12 diabetes clinics in Kuwait and will utilise a computer to classify and analyse the data. The study aims at avoiding repetition in recording diabetes cases. She will also conduct a survey among residents of Yarmouk to prepare a study on diabetes cases there.

The Gulf today

Zayed ends UK visit

Birds of prey display at Chilham

LONDON, July 21, (Agencies): UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan concluded here this morning a four-day state visit to the UK at the invitation of Britain's Queen Elizabeth.

He left Buckingham Palace, where he was staying early today, to begin a few days' private visit to Britain.

Last night, he held a banquet in honour of the queen, at the fashionable Claridge's Hotel in central London.

The dinner was also attended by other members of the British royal family, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, senior ministers and the rest of the delegation accompanying Sheikh Zayed.

Zayed arrived in London last Tuesday from Geneva to begin his visit, which reflects the steady growth of bilateral relations between the two countries.

He met Wednesday with the British prime minister at 10 Downing Street for talks, centring on the Arab-Israeli dispute, methods to resolve the Palestinian problem, the crisis in Lebanon and bilateral ties.

Meanwhile, it was learnt here that Sheikh Zayed was now meeting King Hussein of Jordan, who is also at present on a private visit to the UK.

UAE diplomatic sources said that the meeting will cover Arab issues, Lebanon, the situation in the occupied territories and the friendly bilateral ties between the two nations.

During his stay at Buckingham Palace Sheikh Zayed met a senior PLO adviser Bassam Abu Sharif, an issue which helped the British media to focus on the



UAE President Sheikh Zayed watches a white bellied sea eagle named Fuzball as he swoops onto the arm of his trainer Eddie Hara, at Chilham castle.

visit. Commentators said that the British press would have hardly given any space to such a high-level important visit by Sheikh Zayed, because largely it concentrates on domestic affairs, crime and sensational news.

One of Queen Elizabeth's fleet of Rolls-Royces broke down yesterday while taking the President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Zayed to see a glimpse of old England.

His arrival in a picturesque corner of Kent from Buckingham Palace was delayed for 30 minutes when the car, thought to

be one of the older vehicles belonging to the royal household, ground to a halt near Maidstone.

Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan was quickly transferred to another car in his conveyance and continued on his journey to magnificent Jacobean Chilham Castle, near Canterbury.

The president looked on fascinated as 12th century England was recreated before his eyes in the shape of a colourful jousting contest.

For the Sheikh, a keen falconer, the day's highlight was a magnificent display of birds of prey flying free.

Sudanese envoy tours Gulf

MANAMA, July 21, (KUNA): Deputy Chairman of the Sudanese Revolutionary Command Council Brigadier Al Zubair Mohammed Saleh arrived here yesterday from Doha, on a two-day visit to Bahrain within a Gulf tour.

Brigadier Saleh carried a message to Bahrain's Amir Sheikh Issa-Bin Salman Al Khalifa from the chairman of the Sudanese Revolutionary Command Council Omar Hassan Ahmed Al Bashir.

In Doha, the Sudanese ranking official had met

with Qatar's Amir Sheikh Khalifah Bin Hamad Al Thani and handed him a message from Lt. General Bashir.

The Qatari news agency reported that the message included an explanation to the circumstances and key reasons which led to last month's bloodless coup in Sudan and also tackled bilateral relations and present Arab situation.

Brigadier Saleh had paid similar visits to the UAE and Oman.

Seat belts mandatory in UAE

ALL cars in the United Arab Emirates should have seat belts by October 17, it was decreed here yesterday.

An Interior Ministry statement today said any car to be licenced should not use coloured window glass and

should be provided with safety belts not only for the driver but also for passengers.

Failure to use seat belts at all times and on all roads would be punished either by impounding the car, revoking the driver's licence or by payment of a fine, it

warned. Meanwhile, a delegation of the UAE Interior Ministry will soon be touring countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) to explain main aims of using seat belts and danger posed by painting car glass.

Pensions insufficient, say retired Kuwaiti employees

WITH the rising number of requirements in everyday life and the increase in prices of consumer goods, retirees in Kuwait are having a tough time simply surviving. A number of retirees said that pensions received don't cover their families needs and that monthly deductions don't have any limits. A local daily carried out a survey in order to highlight the reasons and resolutions of the problem. A number of retirees were interviewed to air their opinions on the issue.

Ahmad Abdullah — 75 years old, said that he retired in 1979 and since then received a pension of KD475 per month. He pointed out that no increases whatsoever were made on his pension since that time. This has caused problems because the amount of pension received is not in line with cost of living inflation. He called upon the government to consider these problems which he said is not a simple matter since the number of retirees is high.

Yousif Hamad Abu Qrais — 67 years old, said that he has been retired for the last 15 years and that his last salary was KD550 per month. His pension is now KD362 per month which can't cover all his family needs. He feels sorry that he sold KD120 of his salary because this amount has been deducted since that time. He pointed out that deduction of retirees pensions should have limits, at least until paid in full. Yousif stated that 30,000 retirees have presented a complaint to officials concerning this issue. He wishes that they will reach a solution to this problem as soon as possible.

Abdullah Sulaiman Al Houli — 61 years old, said that he started with a pension of KD225 when he retired in 1981, but it was increased to KD330 due to the increase of family members. He thanked Allah that he did not give up any part of his pension for other benefits since he is now living at his home and the pension is enough because all his sons are married and working. He said that many retirees suffer from long term pension deduction and that he wishes that officials will put an end to their problem.

Mesbeh Yousif Al Zaabi — 60 years old, said that most retirees feel as if they have become of no value to their country. He said that social security and banks deduct amounts from their salaries, in addition to family requirements and the housing loan. He had retired from work in 1979, at a time when his salary was KD400 per month but his pension is now KD600 per month because of the increase in family allowances. He pointed out that giving up a part of his salary for other benefits has affected him and that life has become harder than before. He stated that he and other retirees have demanded many things from the governments and that nothing has been done so far. He wished that the deduction problem will be resolved soon.

Abdul Razzaq Abdullah — 57 years old, said that he has been retired for five years now. His last salary was KD700 per month. He had given up KD190 of his salary for early retirement and feels that he has done the wrong thing, because he now suffers the consequences of eternal deductions. He advised each retiree not to give up any part of his salary so he won't be exposed to problems. He called upon officials to consider the matter and requested a guarantee to return to them their original salaries after paying the amount in full. He pointed out that it is unfair to stay on deductions for unlimited periods.

Naser Mejriri Al Roumi — 50 years old, retired in 1980 at a salary of KD650 per month and his pension is KD400. He said that the currently received pension doesn't cover expenses and therefore he is unhappy with life the way it is. He called upon the government to assist them towards solving this problem.

Fatma Hamad Marzooq — 35 years old, said that inflation is the main problem of many retirees. She added that retirees pensions should increase according to inflation rates. She retired a year ago at a time when her salary was KD220 and is now receiving KD160 per month because of early retirement.

and certain seasonal diseases. Meanwhile, for his part head of the medical team, assistant health undersecretary for medicines and medical equipment affairs affirmed the safety of all Kuwaiti hajis. He praised the facilities provided by the Saudi government to the Kuwaiti medical mission.

KUWAIT, July 21, (KUNA): The Kuwaiti medical mission arrived here yesterday morning from Holy Makkah.

Planning Minister and Acting Health Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, Health Undersecretary Nael Al Naqeb, Undersecretary of Awqaf Ministry Mohammed Al Hamdan and Secretary-General of the Minis-

terial Council Abdul Aziz Al Otairi received the mission on arrival.

Awadi in a statement to reporters praised the efforts exerted by the medical team in serving the hajis (pilgrims).

He explained that all Kuwaiti pilgrims arrived to the country and all are in good health, except those who faced road accidents

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Surra residents ask for more greenery

A LOCAL daily has interviewed a number of inhabitants of Surra about their views on the level of services and urban organisation in the area.

Khaled Al Rumaith, a resident of Jabriya, said that he would often come to Surra to pick up supplies from the co-op, which he described as much more organised than that of Jabriya, and provided all needed commodities at reasonable prices.

He said the reckless driving phenomenon was almost non-existent in the area, and that the number of deployed police patrols were adequate to control any such behaviour.

He said excavations filled the area, and many pavements needed paving, while there were few trees here and there, and the area would therefore do with a lot of landscaping.

He pointed out that the common traffic congestion in the area was the result of the number of schools there, which constituted a real problem to those living in the vicinity.

He also said that the area could do with a little attention to cleaning services, as full garbage containers were a common sight and sand piles and construction material littered the streets.

Ibrahim Al Khizam said that the area required a clinic, as the closest clinic to Surra is that in Jabriya, and that much attention was required to the works of construction companies which would leave excavations without backfilling, causing great damage to cars.

He said that trees were scarce in the area and there were no gardens for children to play, despite the number of schools there, but there was no reckless driving problem.

Khalifa Ibrahim said that the most important requirement in the area was clinic, as people would rush to Jabriya clinic or Mubarak hospital, stressing an equal need for a garden with decent recreational facilities.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Amiri cable

KUWAIT, July 21, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the President of Colombia on the occasion of his country's national day.

Premier's cable

KUWAIT, July 21, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah today sent a congratulatory cable to Belgian Premier Dr Wilfried Martens on the occasion of his country's national day.

Brig. Saleh arrives

KUWAIT, July 21, (KUNA): Deputy chairman of the Sudanese Revolutionary Command Council Brig. Al Zubair Mohamed Saleh arrived here today from Manama.

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad, Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Sulaiman Majid Al Shaheen and other officials received Zubair upon arrival at the airport.

Yalta camp

MOSCOW, July 21, (KUNA): The delegation of the Kuwaiti Science Club (girls' branch) arrived here today on its way to Yalta to take part at the international youth camp.

The delegation, which comprised five members, is accompanied by Aysah Al Obeidi and Saw-san Al Mjaibei.

They were received by first secretary at the Kuwaiti Embassy in Moscow Abdel Amir Ramadan and representatives of the Soviet Youth Association.

Extra flight

KUWAIT, July 21, (KUNA): Kuwait Airways Corporation yesterday operated an additional flight to Jeddah to bring back home a group of Muslim pilgrims, according to a spokesman for the airline.

KAC manager of Public Relations and Information, Abdullah Saud Al Nafisi told KUNA operation of this unscheduled flight to transport the late arriving pilgrims demonstrates the corporation's strong concern with the convenient return to Kuwait of all pilgrims from the holy lands.

KISR research

VIENNA, July 21, (KUNA): Projects manager of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Daoud Numan was quoted as saying efforts were presently concentrated on finding new resources to secure food and potable water self-sufficiency.

In an interview with the Democratic German News Agency (ADN), Numan said the institute was exerting efforts at the national level to find new resources particularly for desert and arid areas.

Besides its national obligations, the institute was responding to external requests within the framework of consultations and co-operation in joint scientific research with 19 other countries.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Car-wash boys in great demand

IN RECENT years Bahrain has witnessed a small but growing segment of workers, whose task though undistinguished in terms of working conditions and security, has been of invaluable service to large numbers in the population.

In view of its size and population Bahrain has more cars and other forms of vehicles than any other place in the region. The island has over 110,000 private cars and vehicles for a population of over 400,000 — which means that for every four residents there is one vehicle.

Over the last few years car-wash has become a necessary and lucrative profession for a group of low-income workers. The increase in the number of vehicles has led to a demand for car-washers. Consequently, the number of such workers has increased considerably although the exact figure is difficult to ascertain. Despite the existence of a number of car-wash centres around the island, providing excellent and quick service, it appears that the majority of motorists prefer the services of car-washers who work independently at all hours, more for convenience sake than anything else.

Convenience

This is not difficult to explain as drivers, because of pressing time, don't like to wait in queues at car-wash centres which are few in number and located only at certain points. Independent car-washers provide the convenience of both cheaper and faster services to motorists. These workers, comprising mainly of boys in their late teens, can be found practically everywhere from car-parks, road sides, shopping complexes and any point where cars are parked. During working hours a motorist can leave his car to be washed by one of these boys and return to find a job exceptionally well done. In some cases the car-wash boy will also undertake to return the key to the driver's office after finishing the job at no extra cost! The cost of a car-wash by a 'road boy' comes to 500 fils per vehicle lasting about half an hour compared to one dinar charged by a car-wash centre.

Hard work

Bahrain's car-wash boys are a cheerful and hard-working lot. They work long hours, often under unpleasant conditions in summer. Unlike other strenuous manual labour this kind of work can be financially rewarding. A car-wash boy can earn anything from BD5 to BD10 a day. Most workers have regular customers and have steady work. With the rise in the number of vehicles on Bahrain's roads every day the job of a public car-washer can remain secure.

Most of the car-wash boys are expatriates. Lately more unskilled and uneducated local kids are coming into this line of work. Expatriates are officially banned from taking up this 'profession'.

All organ donations to be monitored

Fourth transplant regulation

KUWAIT'S health minister will approve all donations of organs from cadavers under a decision taken recently.

Dr Abdul Razzak Al Abdul Razzak recently passed a rule, ordering the formation of committees in each hospital to monitor the donation of organs.

Under the decision, the minister will approve the removal of organs from cadavers. The decision said a "verbal approval can be obtained from the minister but it must be put in writing at a later stage."

A computer, listing the names of patients requiring donor organs, donors and those seeking transplant surgery would be set up at the Hamed Al Essa Centre, which has the largest organ trans-

plant facility in the country.

Dr Abdul Razzak recently issued a decision asking all hospitals to form a committee to oversee the procedure of obtaining organs from cadavers. This is the fourth decree regulating organ transplantation and donation.

The new decree makes the committee responsible for obtaining organs from people who die at hospitals. It will include the head of the intensive care unit, the head of the anaesthetic department, a surgeon and a social researcher, a nurse and a representative of the public relations department. They will co-ordinate the donation of organs to the organ transplant centre at the Hamed Al Essa Centre.

Any donation has to meet certain

requirements and must be ratified by two other medical committees.

The first committee will certify in the case of "brain death" and the other will examine whether the donation is actually needed by a patient at a hospital in Kuwait.

The committees will immediately notify the Organ Transplant Department in cases of brain and other types of death after ensuring that the patient had donated his organs before his/her death. They will also examine whether the deceased had any objection to donating his/her organs. This will be done in co-operation with the Hamed Al Essa Centre.

The committees will also determine and ensure that all formalities are completed in a legal manner in the case of donors and

brain dead patients. All donations will be done only after obtaining the permission of the deceased person's relatives in the case of donors who had registered for donation before death. In the case of donors who did not leave a will, the relatives would have to give written permission, authorising doctors to remove the organs from cadavers.

The ministerial decree also ordered the formation of a permanent medical team at the Hamed Al Essa Centre to be headed by an "organ procurement officer." His team will organise the process of obtaining the organs and storage in a scientific manner.

A special form will be supplied to all the hospitals, which would be completed by the special committee overseeing organ transplants.

Waterfront squad a success

Eve-teasing on the decline

EVE-TEASING has considerably declined on the waterfront project due to the efficiency of the recently formed Hawalli Vice Squad, said Lieut Col Tareq Hamadah, acting director of the Hawalli Detective Department.

The vice squad was set up by the Hawalli Governor Abdul Latif Al Barges who was concerned about eve-teasing on weekends when most families spend their evenings at the resort on the seashore.

Hamadah said the vice squad makes at least four arrests each day for eve-teasing. The vice squad has also effectively reduced the number of thefts, cases of damage to public property and petty quarrels.

Hamadah said 75 per cent of those arrested were Arabs. Some 15 per cent were Kuwaitis and 10 per cent foreigners, he added.

Married men

He said the squad had arrested some "married men" for eve-teasing.

He denied charges that the vice squad makes arrests at random and said: "We arrest only those people who misbehave in a public place. Only such people are apprehended."

"We are not against the youths; we set up the squad to preserve the law and order," he said.

The vice squad was formed to prevent misbehaviour of some young men who had been repeatedly and intentionally disturbing families by using foul language and eve-teasing. The vice squad covers the Waterfront Project extending from The Sultan Center to the Kuwait Towers on the Gulf Street.

He said some families lodge complaints at the police station but such cases are not filed. "We arrest only boys who are caught teasing girls and their families," he said.

The fathers of the arrested

youths are asked to sign a pledge of good behaviour on behalf of their offspring. The pledge requires the fathers to promise that the young men would not repeat the offence. In case of repeated offences, the case of the youth is referred to the concerned authority for legal action, he said.

"It is very rarely that a youth repeats the offence," he said.

The vice squad has been especially trained and comprises of well-educated officers who are told to "deal responsibly with offenders." The officers first try to talk to the offenders, convincing them to stop misbehaving in a public place.

"Our purpose is not prevent young men from visiting the waterfront, we just want to make the trip of families an enjoyable experience," he said.

"We want people to come to the waterfront whenever they like and move around in a nice atmosphere," he added.

He said there were no restrictions on any visitor, provided they don't cause trouble for others. "We don't want them (youths) to disturb others. If they behave themselves; they can move freely in the resort."

"Existing some of the common offences," he said some young men carried cassette recorders which were turned on full volume, disturbing many people on the beachfront. Other offences include chasing girls, using foul language in front of the girls and dancing to loud music blaring from their tape recorders.

He blamed parents for not providing "proper guidance" to the youth. "Some of them (youths) are uneducated, and their parents are unaware of their activities."

He said some parents, particularly fathers, did not co-operate with them. "Their only concern is to set their sons free," he said.



Slaughter house contract

State Minister for Municipal Affairs, Mohammad Al Refai signed yesterday a contract for the establishment of a slaughter house in Jahra. The total value of the contract is KD767,755 and it will take 450 days for completion. Work at the slaughter house will begin after 10 days. It will consist of a main hall for

slaughtering, an administrative building, car parking and other necessary equipment. It will offer services to Jahra residents in a bid to reduce pressure on the main slaughter house in Shuwaikh. Refai signed another contract for the maintenance of Fallaka cemetery costing KD167,000.

From the courts

Fine for firearm possession

A MAN was found guilty of possessing an unlicensed firearm and was ordered to pay a fine of KD120 by a Kuwaiti court.

The charges of possessing an unlicensed shotgun were brought against the accused by his father, who told the general prosecutor that he had found the hidden weapon in his son's wardrobe. The father had lodged a complaint with the police, who searched the bedroom of the accused and arrested him. Investigations revealed that the accused had bought the shotgun four months ago and had not obtained a licence.

The court ruled that the defendant must pay a fine of KD100 to the plaintiff and KD20 to the customs department. The weapon was confiscated.

Traffic violator gets 4 years

A MOTORIST who crossed a red signal was found guilty of driving in Kuwait without a licence and was sentenced to four years imprisonment followed by deportation.

The Criminal Court heard that the motorist had crossed a red signal and was stopped by the traffic police. The policeman asked for his driving licence and the driver produced a Civil ID card, saying it belonged to him. The man was taken into the police station for further enquiry.

Investigators found that the accused had entered the country illegally some years ago and on the day of the incident, he had been driving a friend's car. The Civil ID card also belonged to his friend. He was found guilty for crossing a red signal, driving without a valid licence and living illegally in the country.

4 years for attempted sex

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court has sentenced two men to four years imprisonment with hard labour for attempting to sexually assault a youth.

The court heard that the defendants asked the plaintiff, identified as Sami, to go with them to repair a motorbike. Sami apparently agreed and accompanied them in the defendants' car. Instead of taking him to repair the motorbike, they took him to a desert and attempted to sexually assault him, the court was told. The plaintiff was rescued by a patrol car, which was passing by the scene of the crime. The defendants were arrested and the case was referred to court.

6 months for killing 5 women

A MOTORIST who ran over five women was given a reduced term of six months imprisonment with hard labour by the Court of Higher Appeals.

The Criminal Court had sentenced him to 12 months imprisonment with hard labour. The defendant told the court that he was taken by surprise to see five women — two maids and three other girls — crossing the street. He said he could not control his car as there was heavy dust and there was a marriage party on the other side of the road. He told the court he was driving at a speed of 75 kmh.

The court rejected the defence plea that the deceased women were partly to blame for the accident. It said that the motorist did not take enough precautions and did not slow down despite the fact that there was a marriage party on the road.

The Criminal Court had sentenced him to 12 months imprisonment.

However, the Court of Appeals found that the accident was not intentional and the motorist had not crossed the speed limit and therefore, reduced his sentence to six months imprisonment.

Fine for possessing blue films

A MAN was fined KD200 for possessing two pornographic movies. The Court of Misdemeanours was told that the defendant was arrested in Fallaka along with another man. When they were questioned, they told the security men that they had been watching "blue films" in the defendant's home. The police searched the defendant's home and confiscated two video cassettes with explicit sex scenes. The defendant first admitted owning the video tapes but later denied the charges in court. He was found guilty and fined, based on evidence produced by the prosecution.

3 years for smuggling

A MAN who crossed the border with 62 bottles of whiskey hidden in a spare gasoline tank of his truck was sentenced to three years in jail for smuggling. The Cassation Court, which heard the case, also fined him KD300 and ordered his deportation after completing the jail term.

Based on evidence provided by investigators, he was found guilty of smuggling with intent to making a profit.

Collision at Ahmadi island

By Nawwal Al Hamil

AL SEYASSAH sources have reported that a collision has taken place in Ahmadi industrial island between a Kuwaiti ship named Al Jabriya and a boat owned by the KOC while on its way to load crude oil.

The sources said that the accident left the boat battered, but the people on board miraculously survived the collision. Sources further pointed out that the ship had among its Egyptian crew a fresh trainee captain.

A company from the Kuwait naval forces, backed by a group from KOC rushed to rescue the survivors and the boat was towed to shore. Investigations into the causes of the accident are still in progress.

No cholera cases registered in Kuwait

THE director of the Public Health Department at the Public Health Ministry Dr Rashed Al Owais has said that no cholera cases were registered in Kuwait.

He told a local daily that precautions and preventive measures adopted by the ministry each year were the same, and that passengers arriving in the country were instructed to report any signs of diarrhoea, so that

they could be checked for infectious diseases and transferred to the Infectious Diseases Hospital for necessary measures.

He stressed that successful treatment depended heavily on early diagnosis of the disease through analysis of their excrement.

He urged people to avoid travelling to countries where

epidemics, such as cholera were known to be common, and those who had just come back from such countries to run a series of medical check-ups to establish that they are free from any infections.

He warned against bringing in any foodstuffs particularly milk products, and said that this move was part of the preventive health measures adopted each year.

Arabian Peninsula free of locusts

DUBAI, July 21, (KUNA): Countries of the Arabian Peninsula, including Kuwait, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, the Sultanate of Oman and Qatar, are completely free of all types of desert locust for the time being, according to a UN report published here today.

The report by the Jeddah-based International Centre for Fighting Desert Locusts, an affiliate of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), was received by the UAE Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Surveying the month of last June, the report indicated that the situation of locust was calm in the

Arabian Peninsula and noted that despite the presence of locust swarms in the south eastern desert area of Saudi Arabia (Al Rubb Al Khali), this poses no threat at present.

The report pointed out the possibility of desert locust breeding areas in the southern Arabian Peninsula, namely in the two Yemens, adding, however, that the swarms have headed westwards to Sudan and Ethiopia.

Despite the assuring situation, the report recommended continuous and regular scouting operations in strategic areas to check the situation.

Action Line

SINCE I came to Kuwait on a domestic visa in 1983 I have been working in my sponsor's company. My sponsor applied twice to change my visa to No 18. Both times my application was rejected by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. Can I change my visa from No. 20 to No. 18?

Sasidharan

ONLY the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour officials can decide whether a visa can be changed or not. If they rejected it, there must have been a valid reason for doing so.

However, if your sponsor is keen to change your visa, he can apply for a new visa No. 18 on your behalf. If the visa is issued, you must cancel the present visa, No. 20, and return to Kuwait with the new visa or no-objection certificate to work in the private sector.

MY WIFE was on her father's residence for 20 years until our marriage in 1987. After marriage, her residence was changed to No. 18 as she started working. She is now expecting a baby and therefore cannot continue to work. Can she change her residence to my sponsorship? I do not earn a salary of KD650 per month.

E.S. Mathur

A HUSBAND must earn KD650 to sponsor his wife and children. This is the only pre-condition to transferring a visa from No. 18 to No. 22.

You could change the sponsorship if your wife had completed three years service with the present sponsor. As she has not done that, she would have to cancel her work permit and return to Kuwait on a dependant visa.

It is permissible for a woman to change sponsorship from father to husband after marriage. However, if the wife wants to change from work permit to dependant visa, she must leave the country and re-enter Kuwait. In such an event, the husband must meet the required salary limit (KD450 in the public sector and KD650 in the private sector) to be eligible to apply for a dependant visa.

MY SON was born in Kuwait in 1985. Since I had a domestic visa and my husband was on a working visa we could not get a residence for our child. In 1987, when the government gave an amnesty, I took him to India and left him there. In 1988, I returned to Kuwait on a working visa. Now, is it possible for us to bring our son on a dependant visa as he was born in Kuwait? Is the KD600 salary rule applicable to us?

R.F.

IT is not possible to bring your child. If both parents had been working in the private sector at the time of the child's birth, it would have been possible to obtain a dependant visa for him. As the child is outside Kuwait, either parent mother or father — must be eligible (meet the salary limit) to sponsor the child.

I AM holding a visa No. 18 and my wife is on a visa No. 20 (domestic). I have two children, both born in Kuwait. I am facing problems because of their residence permit. Please tell me the procedure of taking them back to my country of origin.

R.F.

YOU have to approach the Immigration Department before taking your children to your country of origin. You must explain your case and apply for an exit permit.

It is an offence to live in Kuwait without valid residence permit and you would be required to pay a fine of KD2 per day for the duration they did not have the residence. After paying the fine, an exit permit will be given.

I HAVE a driving licence from my country I would like to transfer it to a Kuwaiti one. At the moment I am working as a supervisor. If I change my profession to driver, can I apply for a Kuwaiti driving licence?

Farid

IF YOUR sponsor called you to Kuwait on a driver's visa, it would have been possible to apply for a Kuwaiti driving licence. As you may be aware, driving licences are issued only to a limited category of workers like teachers, librarians, engineers, lawyers, legal consultants, journalists, nurses, general managers, sales managers (holding university certificates) and senior government employees.

I AM working in a private company and my wife works in a government firm. Our individual salary is less than KD650. However, our combined salary is about KD800. Our daughter was born in Kuwait but has been staying in India for the last three years. Her name was endorsed in my wife's passport. She is now four years old. We would like to bring her to Kuwait on a dependant visa? Is it possible?

Tony M.

IF both parents work in the private sector, the father is eligible to sponsor his child at the time of birth. However, if the child is not in Kuwait, then one of the parents — the mother or the father — must qualify under the dependant visa rules to sponsor the child. Combined salary is not taken into consideration.

MY WIFE went to India without cancelling her residence permit. She was on No. 20 visa, which was valid up to September 1990. Now, I would like to bring my wife on a dependant visa.

(1) Can she enter Kuwait on a dependant visa after six months when her present residence permit expires?

(2) Is it necessary to cancel the present residence to apply for a dependant visa or will it be considered after staying outside Kuwait for six months?

(3) Is it legally correct to obtain the passport through a courier service and cancel her residence permit to apply for a new one?

V.B.K.

IF SHE has stayed outside Kuwait, and there is no legal case pending against her, she can re-enter Kuwait on the dependant visa, which you say can be obtained by you. To get a dependant visa, a person must earn a salary of KD650.

A maid's visa (No. 20) is cancelled by the authority only after they are certain that person has left the country and stayed outside Kuwait for more than six months.

If she has overstayed, and her visa has been cancelled, we don't see the need to cancel it again.

If you have a problem or need an answer to a query drop in a line to: Action Line, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat, Kuwait or fax your questions on Tel No. 4847495. Or call 4813566 ext 285 between 12 noon and 3pm.

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Press review

Al Akhbar, Al Ahran: The call made by Israeli Minister of Trade and Industry Ariel Sharon to kill Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat constitutes a new phenomenon that has never been witnessed before in the entire history of the international community, two daily Egyptian newspapers said yesterday.

The call also represents a dangerous phenomenon that encourages other countries to assume the same step.

Daily *Al Akhbar* said that if it were a Palestinian official at the Palestine Liberation Organisation who called for elimination of Sharon or Shamir the US Congress and Zionist organisations would have made a big fuss about "the Palestinian terrorism."

The daily concluded that the Israeli minister who considers himself and his government above the law has shown the entire world where terrorism comes from.

Meanwhile daily *Al Ahran* said that Israeli election proposal presented by Shamir was only an empty balloon or an announcement for public relations but not for implementation.

The paper pointed out the Israeli extremist plan adopted by leaders of the Likud to demolish Palestinian homes and abort the Palestinian intifada.

The paper said that Shamir had set himself in a state of conflict with the US which has become convinced that extremism in dealing with the intifada is not in favour of Israel. (KUNA)

The Los Angeles Times: There will be considerable debate in the US Senate soon over the level of oil imports. But once the rhetoric is over, senators can vote with a clear conscience for a one-year moratorium on oil exploration and production in the outer continental shelf, including the entire California coast.

Imports are of concern. The United States does need to be more self-sufficient in energy. But a year's delay in the offshore oil-leasing programme will have no significant effect on long-term US energy security.

The House-approved moratorium obviously comes in reaction to the Exxon Valdez accident in Alaska in March and the more recent tanker spills in the east. Critics claim the legislation is overkill, since oil production does not necessarily lead to tanker spills. But oil in the water is in the water. The year's delay may finally force Congress and the administration to honestly weigh the benefits of offshore oil production against the liabilities within the context of a real energy policy. (UPI)

The Denver Post: Leaders of the Western bloc's seven largest industrialised nations christened their summit meeting a success. In fact, however, the gathering revealed nagging global concerns that will only be resolved by self-discipline and self-sacrifice — two qualities seemingly in short supply in the industrialised world.

The United States came to the Paris summit with a great public relations coup — President Bush's triumphant swing through the Eastern bloc. In reality, however, Bush offered little more than hopeful rhetoric and symbolic amount of economic aid to the nations living in the Soviet Union's shadow.

Simply put, the United States must get its horrendous debt under control or risk losing influence in world affairs.

It was hypocritical of Bush to sit at an international conference, judging whether impoverished Third World countries are making adequate progress on their national debts, when the United States has failed to get its own financial house in order.

The consensus on environmental issues also revealed the industrialised world's profound hypocrisy. It was commendable that the seven world leaders called for greater protection of the global environment.

But their world-wide call should apply first to the nations represented at the summit. Collectively, these seven nations account for most of the pollution that threatens the natural world. (UPI)

Al Rai Al Aam: A Kuwaiti daily charged that US President George Bush's goal behind touring Poland and Hungary was to disintegrate the socialist bloc.

Al Rai Al Aam said that Bush aimed mainly at scoring economic breakthrough in the Warsaw Pact countries through loans and financial assistance programmes.

The paper pointed out that Bush's visits to the two East European countries, which it said carried more than one meaning or goal, further targeted wiping out the Iron Curtain that divides Europe.

The daily noted that tours of both American and Soviet presidents in areas of influence of the other took the form of a duel between giants that used all available military, economic and military means to weaken power of the other. (KUNA)

The Milwaukee Sentinel: The peace corps in Eastern Europe? Not since the days that the late President John F. Kennedy conceived the corps has a mission behind the Iron Curtain been thought possible.

But these are the days of mega-detente and President Bush will be sending a contingent to Hungary to assist efforts in developing and expanding English language teaching.

A move as simple as sending teachers to Hungary gives as much oomph to detente as the removal of tanks or the scrapping of Soviet missiles that were in overabundance, anyway.

Peace corps volunteers to Hungary. A plaque handed Bush containing bits of the barbed wire fencing that was torn down along the Hungarian-Austrian border. These are as much the stuff of detente as pullouts and pullbacks.

And they are possible because US policy toward the Soviet Union has remained constant under Bush and his predecessor, Ronald Reagan.

By not rushing to match every Gorbachev proposal without extracting movement on other issues, new meaning has been given detente. It has come on terms the Soviet system has forced upon itself — and with which the free world, with steady management, can live. (UPI)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1515 — Congress of Vienna between Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I, Poland's King Sigismund I and Hungary's King Ladislas II settle points of issue between Poland and the empire and succession to throne of Hungary.

1691 — Anglo-Dutch army defeats French at Agrim in India.

1739 — Turks defeat Holy Roman Empire troops at Crocyka, Yugoslavia, and threaten Belgrade.

1812 — British under Duke of Wellington defeat French under Marshal Marmont at Salamanca, Spain.

1901 — Negotiations start in London between Britain and Japan to form alliance.

1933 — US aviator Wiley Post completes first solo airplane flight around world.

1934 — FBI agents in Chicago, Illinois, shoot and kill US gangster John Dillinger.

1943 — Allied forces capture Palermo, Sicily, in World War II.

1950 — King Leopold III returns to Belgium after six years of exile.

1964 — United Nations orders ceasefire after clashes between French and Tunisians in Tunisia.

1968 — Israeli airliner bound for Israel from Rome with 48 people aboard is hijacked and diverted to Algeria.

1971 — Last US infantry units are pulled out of South Vietnam's northern border area.

1978 — Soviet space probe begins six-month journey toward planet Mars.

1977 — Egypt bombs and strafes major air base in Libya in second day of conflict between the two countries.

1987 — Kenya's President Daniel Arap Moi denies allegations that his government systematically has committed human rights abuses.

1988 — Car loaded with bombs blows up near Syrian military intelligence base in West Beirut, killing seven people and wounding 48.



Both countries are rebuilding the battered cities along their ravaged border.

Iraq, Iran go their separate ways

Coping with a painful past

NEARLY a year after a truce ended eight years of bloodshed, Iran and Iraq are dealing in vastly different ways with the prospect of peace and the indelible reminders of war.

Both are rebuilding the battered cities along their ravaged border. Both have sent home thousands of soldiers who survived one of the century's longest conflicts.

Each remains suspicious of the Aug 20 ceasefire, keeping hundreds of thousands of troops at the ready in case the fragile truce abruptly collapses.

But despite these similarities, the bitter Arabian Gulf rivals are experiencing strikingly different post-war periods.

The Iraqis are ridding themselves with visible haste of any reminders of the war, rebuilding shattered cities more quickly than Iran, promising political reforms — which appear more cosmetic than real — and reviving their regional ambitions.

The Iraqis, uncertain of their political future, still cling to memories of a war that killed an estimated one million people.

For them, the war had been a convenient way of cementing the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Then Ayatollah Khomeini abruptly accepted the ceasefire and, less than a year later, died.

Today, Tehran still extols the virtues of martyrdom and the horrendous sacrifices of the war. Its leaders warn their countrymen almost daily: "Stay vigilant. Iraq cannot be trusted. We cannot afford to relax."

Jaruzelski's promises of reconciliation

THE echo of Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski's dawn broadcast imposing martial law in 1981 is still so loud that he almost did not get to hear the applause following his election as president of Poland on Wednesday.

Jaruzelski won without a vote to spare. In his first speech in his new post, he declared: "I want to be the president of reconciliation."

Jaruzelski was first secretary of Poland's Communist Party this year when it made a dramatic course reversal, deciding to legalize the independent Solidarity movement after trying to obliterate it for seven years.

Aware the communists could not control Poland's social unrest or economic crisis alone, Jaruzelski's government offered talks with the opposition that produced the political reforms leading to Wednesday's presidential election.

"It would be the greatest drama for me if history one day said those decisions were wrong. That's why I wish so much that the agreement, that this pluralism, passes the test in real life," the general said in a recent interview with the Associated Press.

Straight and serious, often seemingly remote behind square dark glasses and a lifetime's worth of military medals, Jaruzelski is far different from his presidential counterparts in the West. Little is made of his domestic life and he rarely speaks with Poles or the press during public appearances.

Born on July 6, 1923, to an aristocratic family in an eastern Polish village, he was attending a Catholic boarding school in Warsaw when Poland was invaded as World War II started.

His official biography says he "stayed" in the northeastern territories of the Soviet Union working as a labourer during the war. But Poles who knew the family said they were caught by Soviet occupiers and moved to remote Siberia, where Jaruzelski's father felled logs in a forced labour camp until his death.

In 1943, Jaruzelski entered a Soviet officer training school and then served with the Communist-led Polish First Army, which was formed on Russian territory and advanced with the Red Army against the Nazis.

A Communist Party member since 1947, Jaruzelski rose through the political and military ranks until he was named Defence Minister in 1968.

In October 1981, as Poland was being rocked by the defiant independence of the Solidarity movement, Jaruzelski was named First Secretary of the party, the only career military officer to rise to supreme party power in the Soviet bloc.

Two months later, Jaruzelski announced that the military had assumed power. Solidarity was banned, its leaders interned. The West cut off investment and aid, and Poland began a slide toward economic crisis.

"It was such a difficult and dramatic decision, and for me personally very painful," Jaruzelski told the AP.

Every Wednesday, "the Martyr's Programme" on the state television network takes viewers into the home of a soldier killed in the war to praise the virtue of dying for the Islamic Revolution.

Mothers and fathers proudly tell of their sons' "honourable death."

The television, monitored in Nicosia, shows violent war movies in which the Iraqis are rugged, clean-cut heroes and the Iraqis are invariably portrayed as sadistic and inept.

One shown recently was a Ramboesque adventure called "Behind Enemy Lines." It showed three Iranian commandos parachuting into Iraq on a sabotage mission and fighting their way home.

Every night, the television still shows actual war footage with a soundtrack of patriotic songs.

In Iraq, authorities are seeking to expunge as many reminders of the war as they can. The Culture Ministry has ordered its theatre groups to stage comedies and official television has switched from gloomy war-oriented programmes to US sitcoms, Arabic soap operas and family movies.

Concrete anti-blast blocks have been removed from all government buildings and officials ordered to don civilian clothes instead of the tan uniforms they wore during the war to show solidarity with the men at the front.

In Iranian cities, schoolboys parade in the streets in military-style fatigues, copying teen-age siblings

for whom the camouflaged garb has become revolutionary chic.

Both governments have to cope with hundreds of thousands of refugees, widows and orphans.

In Iran's tightly controlled, male-dominated society, it is hard for a widow to make a living and bring up a family.

The government has set a minimum monthly stipend of 45,000 rials (US\$45 at the unofficial exchange rate), and a maximum of 70,000 rials (US\$70).

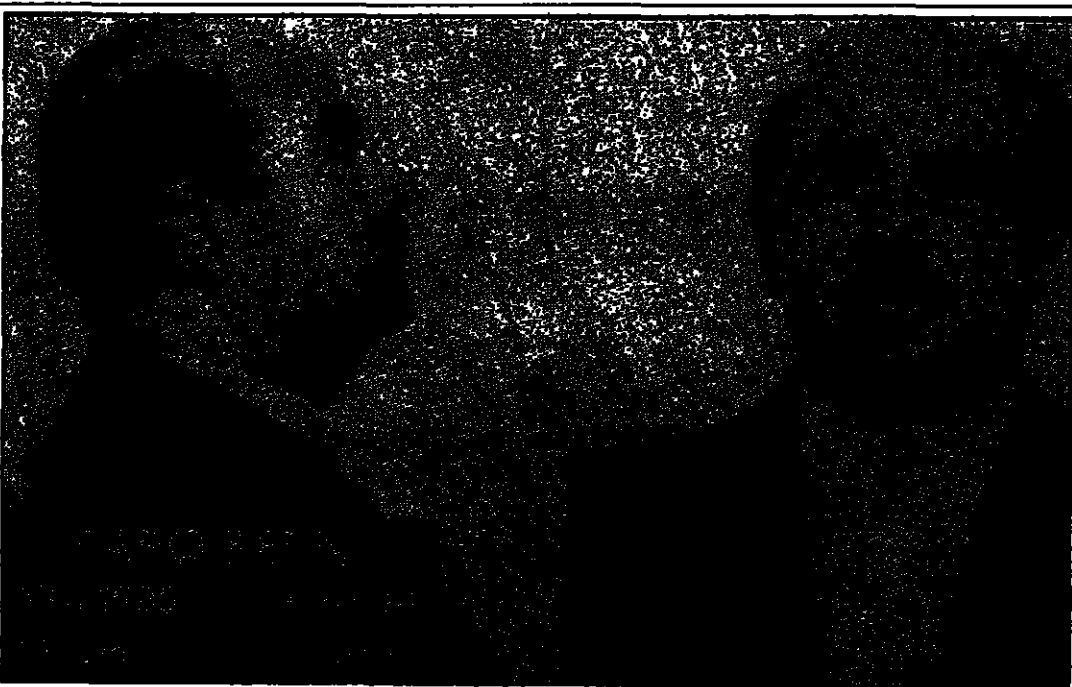
That is barely enough in Iran's hyper-inflated economy, but it is helped by subsidised housing and food for families of the war dead.

Nonetheless, the recent arrest of a young war widow for prostitution, which can carry death sentence in Iran, caused a national scandal. The woman declared she would go on selling her body because it was the only way her family could afford to live.

Both sides have sought to aid the hundreds of thousands of disabled veterans.

Iran provides scholarships and government jobs for those who are "70 per cent disabled." Vets also get priority in housing and medical care, despite severe economic restraints.

In Baghdad, Iraq's capital, housewife Ammal Abdul Karim said she has finally told her daughter and two sons that their father was killed defending the southern port of Basra in early 1987, after explaining his absence by saying he was "travelling abroad." (AP — Nicosia)



The two faces of Adnan Khashoggi

Mighty Khashoggi takes a tumble

Bell tolls for avarice

DARE we hope the troubles of Adnan Khashoggi, once considered the world's richest man, signal the end of the greed decade?

Unless proved guilty, of course, the Saudi Arabian wheeler-dealer is innocent. But keep in mind the record discloses Khashoggi sells arms, which makes him a merchant of death.

He stands accused of committing fraud on behalf of Ferdinand Marcos, the dictator who shamelessly milked the impoverished Philippines until he was ousted.

For too many, the 1980s promised prosperity but delivered poverty. For others, the Reagan years were good ones.

Yuppies yelling "Greed is good" truly believed they could have it all. But when they checked their Rolaxes, they might have wondered if their time was running out.

Donald Trump, the boorish billionaire, finally began to get the bad press he deserved.

Ivan Boesky's financial shenanigans landed him in jail.

The savings and loan crisis was a downer for sure.

Dozens were swept out of Washington by the new ethics broom.

But if greed finally seems to be getting the bad name it once had, it also seems only yesterday that Khashoggi was riding high.

Reports of his worsening financial plight began to crop up about the time it was disclosed that he bankrolled the Reagan administration's scandalous arms-for-hostages deal with Iran.

Khashoggi's flamboyant life style always attracted wide attention, especially after his wife Soraya filed for divorce, demanding \$2.5 billion — half of what she said her husband was worth. She settled in 1981 for \$3 million.

Khashoggi's relationship with American University here in America's capital says a lot about the greed decade.

After the Iran-Contra scandal broke, university officials defended their use of millions of dollars donated by the arms seller to build a campus sports arena that bears his name.

The university did not drop Khashoggi from its board of trustees until after he was jailed in Switzerland to await extradition on the current charges against him.

Richard Berendzen, the school's president, said Khashoggi was dropped because he had not been active on the board. He insisted the action was "absolutely not connected" to Khashoggi's indictment.

As for the students, few of them have objected to accepting Khashoggi's millions for the campus arena.

"We want to figure out whether his association with our university will hurt our reputation in the long run," said Alan Fleischmann, 1987 student body president, "and right now it looks like it will not."

Savour that quote again, if you will, for the quality of its enlightened self-interest.

In any case, American University has a new sports arena. It was built with the profits from arms sales. That is no problem for people who believe greed is good. (UPI — Washington)

Salzburg festival

Von Karajan remembered

SALZBURG, Austria: Black flags flutter over the spires of Salzburg where Herbert von Karajan, who dominated the city's festival for more than 25 years, would have conducted at the opening night next week.

His presence drew music fans from around the world, and his death has left a void in the leadership of the celebrated event. But it has opened the way for a renewal that critics see as long overdue.

Karajan died on Sunday at the age of 81, less than two weeks before the annual summer festival opens on July 27.

But in the months before his death the man often simply known in Austria as "maestro" had been criticised for wielding too much control over the festival.

"The splendour of his name hid a certain decline," said Salzburg Mayor Josef Reschen.

"The festival needs fresh blood and new ideas because it has been going in a way which is somewhat repetitious and does not provide enough of an impulse to the artistic world," festival board member Hans Landesmann told Reuters.

Festival President Albert Moser described the mood as "depressed" as musicians prepare for the opening night when Sir Georg Solti will take Karajan's place in conducting Verdi's Opera "Un Ballo in Maschera."

"This quality of genius which we had here is of course not to be imitated," Moser told Reuters in an interview in his office. A bust of the conductor behind his desk recalls the all-powerful control Karajan wielded over festival productions.

"I have to urge people to work, tell them that everything will continue. The show must go on."

Performances are fully planned through 1991, when the festival marks the 200th anniversary of Mozart's death with new stagings of his operas "The Marriage of Figaro" and "The Magic Flute."

"Until then the future is clear," said Moser, a Karajan loyalist due to retire after the Mozart biennial.

Time will tell whether the attraction of Salzburg was due primarily to Karajan," he added, "or whether it was due in general to Karajan, the beautiful city, the first-rate artist and orchestras and so forth. There is as yet no echo."

Almost every great 20th century musician and singer has performed at Salzburg since the festival began in 1920.

It has flourished despite an often stormy history, including the flight into exile of its founder, theatre director Max Reinhardt, boycott by conductor Arturo Toscanini during the Nazi German takeover of Austria and the death of Karajan's towering predecessor, conductor Wilhelm Furtwaengler.

But recent years have seen increased criticism of the festival's conservative orientation and traditional performances of operas by Mozart and Richard Strauss.

The artistic standard is regarded as exceptionally high but lacking major new interpretations of the works.

Under Karajan, more lavish productions of popular Italian operas were produced but he resisted most attempts to update the festival's artistic conception or reform its management.

"Karajan resigned from the four-person festival board last year, but he retained a veto of virtually all the productions."

Mayor Reschen said Karajan blocked "strong and demanding conductors" from taking a significant role in Salzburg and many artists from whom Karajan was alienated were prevented from performing. "There will be greater variety now," he said.

Concerned about the fate of the festival, Austrian Culture Minister Hilde Hawlicek asked board member Landesmann to draw up proposed structural and artistic changes which she approved last month despite angry protests from Karajan.

Two weeks before the conductor's death, Landesmann formed a commission to search for a new president, and artistic and financial directors to regenerate the festival.

"Things needed to be changed with or without Karajan," said Landesmann. He named Munich state opera director August Everding and Brussels opera chief Gerard Mortier as candidates to take over as festival president with expanded powers.

While many renowned conductors regularly appear at the festival, including Solti, Riccardo Muti, James Levine and Claudio Abbado, they are generally viewed as lacking Karajan's unique flair and aura.

"We are not looking for a replacement for Karajan," said Landesmann. "He is irreplaceable. We are at the end of an era and now we would like to start a new one."

Quote me

"He looks like he has money." — An American pre-schooler when asked why he would like to have US President George Bush as a teacher.

"I don't know what I'm going to do. But I'm not going to walk back to New Jersey. I'll probably fly." — United Airlines crash survivor David Landsberger.

"We have to overcome a series of prejudices of the Argentines so they can understand that a president besides his high office, is a man like anybody else. He has his weaknesses, his doubts, and he can express them in public. As for my weakness, I would say it is sports. All kind of sports. I like to play them, alone or before a crowd." — Argentine President Carlos Menem said.

"The behaviour of some people towards AIDS patients is sometimes hostile and aggressive. This leads to a very dangerous situation: people developing the symptoms of the disease conceal this from those around them and thereby increase the risk of the disease spreading." — Valentin Pokrovsky, told the Tass news agency.

"If anyone still thinks we can control this aggravated situation and these intensified processes by using old methods and approaches and acting in the old way, then he has fallen into the greatest and deepest delusion." — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev said in a speech to the Communist Party.

"An ocean of problems is ahead of us. Material conditions — must dictate the priorities of action. They are more important and urgent than anything else." — Polish President Jaruzelski told the assembly in a brief speech.

ملكيه الجاهلي

Killings blamed on rival rebels

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan, July 21, (Agencies): A spokesman for Afghanistan's Jamiat-e-Islami rebel faction alleged yesterday that the leader of a rival faction ordered the massacre last week of 30 Jamiat rebels.

Mohammad Shoaib said Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, leader of the Hezb-e-Islami rebel group, should be tried under Islamic law for his alleged role in the slayings in northern Afghanistan.

A Hezb-e-Islami spokesman, Nawab Salim, said Shoaib's allegation is "rubbish."

Hekmatyar heads one of two Hezb-e-Islami rebel groups headquartered in the Pakistani border city of Peshawar. His hard-line fundamentalist group is at odds with Shoaib's faction, which also is based in Pakistan.

Shoaib said the 30 rebels, seven of whom were Jamiat commanders, were returning July 9 from a military strategy meeting with Jamiat's key commander, Ahmad Shah Massoud, in the northern province of Takhar.

They were ambushed by Hezb-e-Islami commander Said Jamal, Shoaib alleged. He said five were killed immediately and 25 were later executed.

Sixteen bodies were returned to Jamiat forces in northern Afghanistan, Shoaib said.

"All those who were involved should be tried... Hekmatyar gave the order so he is involved," Shoaib said in a news release.

Rebel sources said the killings are part of a power struggle that has been going on between the two rebel groups in northern Afghanistan since the civil war began 11 years ago.

Afghan mujahedeen rebels fired six rockets at Kabul yesterday, damaging a kindergarten and killing at least two people.

Eyewitnesses said one rocket ripped through the centre which caters for 1,000 pre-school age children, badly damaging the building.

One man and a child were killed by another rocket nearby, but a government spokesman said the children in the kindergarten had already taken shelter.

Meanwhile, the United States has resumed arms supplies to the Afghan rebels after a few-month delay, Sighatullah Mujaddidi, president of the mujahedeen self-proclaimed government, said in an interview published Wednesday.

He was quoted by the English-language daily Saudi Gazette as denying reports that the US government has demanded the return of shoulder-fired Stinger missiles that it had given the mujahedeen during their guerrilla warfare against the Soviets.

The Afghan government today released a US photographer arrested six weeks ago for entering the country illegally with armed Muslim rebels.

"I want to walk on the street," said Tony O'Brien said moments after he was released to the custody of a US State Department representative.

The Santa Fe, New Mexico, resident was arrested June 8 at a rebel hideout in Kabul while he was on an assignment for Time-Life Inc., a magazine publishing house.

He entered the country without a visa but was never formally charged. President Najibullah agreed to release him without trial after an appeal by Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Meanwhile, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati returned to Tehran today, following a two-day official visit to Pakistan where he conferred with Pakistani officials on finding a peaceful solution in Afghanistan, Tehran Radio reported.

Sharon moves to helm, challenging Shamir

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 21, (AP): Ariel Sharon, capitalising on Israeli frustration over the Palestinian uprising, has moved to the helm of the right-wing Likud bloc and challenged Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Six years ago, Sharon was disgraced and forced to resign as war minister for failing to anticipate the massacre of more than 800 Palestinians by Lebanese Christians who were allowed into Israeli-encircled

refugee camps in Beirut.

But Sharon, 61, has fought his way out of the political wilderness, assuring Israelis he knows how to crush the 19-month Palestinian uprising that has claimed 570 Arabs and 37 Israeli lives.

Speaking in the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights this week, Sharon suggested one way to improve the situation was to "liquidate" PLO chief Yasser Arafat and other PLO officials.

The comment was criticised by the US State Department as unhelpful to peace efforts but at home his tough talk is increasingly welcomed by Israelis frustrated by the ongoing violence.

"If the situation continues getting worse, the people will grow more extremist and feel they are in a time of national emergency. In emergency conditions there is no room for realpolitik," said Saguy, an ex-head of military intelligence who like Sharon

was forced to resign in the wake of the 1982 massacre.

Sharon, minister of trade and industry in the coalition cabinet, demonstrated his power at a party convention earlier this month in which he forced Shamir to tack hard-line conditions onto his peace initiative.

Sharon's restraints angered Palestinians and drew expressions of concern from US officials.

Shamir plan gathers pace

W. Bank schools reopen today

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 21, (Agencies): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir met twice with Palestinians from the occupied territories since his Likud bloc put tough restrictions on the peace plan he is proposing, his spokesman said today.

Also today, Shamir rival Trade and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon, boasted he had blocked PLO approval of the plan.

The opposing stands on the Israeli plan for elections among Palestinians came as a feud deepened between Shamir and Sharon, who has been challenging the prime minister in his own right-wing Likud bloc.

But Shamir spokesman Yossi Ahimeir denied newspaper reports that the prime minister intended to dismiss Sharon from the government at a cabinet meeting on Sunday.

"If Sharon continues his divisive ways and causes problems in the Likud, it may be possible that there will be no choice but to fire him," Ahimeir said. "But now it is not practical."



Kurdish leader buried

Hundreds of mourners clad in black marched in silent procession yesterday in Paris behind the body of Kurdish leader Abdul Rahman Ghassemlou, slain a week ago in what his Kurdish Democratic Party has called an Iranian plot.

French government ministers joined women, children and peshmergas, Kurdish fighters, in the march from Place de la Republique to the grave site at Pere Lachaise cemetery, in eastern Paris, where he was buried.

The French government presents its condolences, said Bernard Kouchner, minister for humanitarian action. Ghassemlou wanted to make peace in the name of the Kurds, he said in reference to the Kurdish struggle for autonomy. There was fear of his message of peace, so he was executed.

Picture shows a wounded commando holding a photograph of Ghassemlou. (Reuters wirephoto)

Book divides Labour Party

Rushdie's wife talks about death threat

ZURICH, Switzerland, July 21, (AP): Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," can only discuss the Iranian death threat against him at "very intimate moments," his wife said in an interview published today.

Marianne Wiggins told the Women's magazine Blick Fier Frauen that, since she went into hiding with her husband, she particularly missed secretly listening to other people's conversations on bus journeys.

Ms Wiggins, also a writer, fled into hiding with Rushdie in February after the late Iranian leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, said he should be killed for blaspheming against Islam in his book.

Ms Wiggins said the couple still tried to lead as normal a life as possible and when they went to bed at night talked about work, family news and world

affairs, just like any other man and wife.

In other developments Rushdie believes the gap between him and the Muslim faith is bridgeable.

The international committee for the defence of Salman Rushdie and his publishers received a telephone call from the author to coincide with the launch on Wednesday of a new appeal for his defence backed by 12,000 signatures.

Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock's defence of Salman Rushdie's right to publish a paper back version of "The Satanic Verses" has divided the party, the Independent reported today.

Although Kinnock's view is endorsed by many Labour Members of Parliament, some of his most senior colleagues believe Rushdie should stop the paperback edition.

Ahimeir confirmed Israeli news reports that the prime minister met twice with leading Palestinian figures to discuss his peace initiative, but gave no details on the meetings or the Palestinian participants.

Sharon was quoted in the Yediot newspaper today as saying his move blocked expected PLO acceptance of the elections. A Sharon spokesman confirmed the remarks.

"If it were not because of the limitations of the Likud, it seems that (PLO chairman Yasser) Arafat would have accepted the elections plan," spokesman Moshe Behegon said.

"Sharon says the limitations are like a stone caught the wheel of a cart about to veer out of control," he said.

Also today, an Israeli court extended for 15 days the custody of a Palestinian suspected of plunging a passenger bus into a ravine two weeks ago, killing 16 people, including an American woman and two Canadians, and wounding 25 others.

In the occupied West Bank today, a 30-year-old Palestinian woman accused of collaborating with Israeli authorities was stabbed by masked Arab youths in Qalqilya, Arab reports said. She was brought to an Israeli hospital in critical condition.

Israeli newspapers reported two leading Likud figures, Housing Minister David Levy and Economics Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, met Shamir yesterday and threatened to resign if Sharon is dismissed.

Shamir, in an unusual interview published today by a Belgrade weekly, has called on Yugoslavia to reestablish diplomatic ties with Israel to assist the Middle East peace process.

"We know that Yugoslavia has excellent relations with Arab countries and with Palestinian organisations," the Nin news magazine quoted Shamir as saying.

Classes for nearly 200,000 Palestinian children were to resume tomorrow in the first stage of the Israeli Army's phased reopening of schools in the occupied West Bank that have been closed through much of the Palestinian uprising.

Children in grades one through six and in their senior year in high school will go back to classrooms this weekend, the Army announced.

No date has been set for a resumption of classes for the remaining 100,000 students, and the Army said it would depend on whether the initial phase was peaceful.

Palestinians in the territories said that Israeli officials had tried to get signed statements from principals guaranteeing there would be no anti-Israeli protests at schools.

King Hussein of Jordan told Israel yesterday it faced renewed extremism unless it accepted a two-state solution to the Palestinian problem.

Referring to the PLO's acceptance last year of living in peace beside Israel, the king told a meeting of the European Atlantic group in London: "The opportunity is there, but it also has a political and psychological time-frame. It is not open-ended. It must be seized, nurtured and translated into a genuine peace process."

"Otherwise, forces of frustration and extremism will prevail once again."

Hussein said Israel must make "a historic decision to accept the two-state solution in the land of mandated Palestine."

He dismissed suggestions that a Palestinian state in the occupied West Bank would be a threat to Jordan, which has disengaged itself from the territories seized by Israel in 1967.



Six jailed

Six Palestinians receive sentences of 15 years to life Wednesday from an Israeli military court for killing a soldier last February by dropping a stone block on his head from a third-storey window. The accused (left to right) are Ibrahim Taktuk, 19, Samir Na'arish, 22, Ahmed Kalliguna, 20, Osama Issa, 17, and Imad Sharah, 20. Not pictured is Omar Saad, 19. (Reuters wirephoto)

Saudis rap Sofia treatment of Turks

RIYADH, July 21, (Agencies): Saudi Arabia today condemned Bulgaria's treatment of its ethnic Turks and called for Muslim nations to pressure Sofia to respect their human rights.

A Foreign Ministry statement, carried by the official Saudi Press Agency, said Riyadh was deeply concerned at Bulgaria's "harsh measures against and violations of the freedom of worship of ethnic Turks."

"Saudi Arabia, while voicing deep regret and condemnation of this irresponsible policy, reiterates the need for Islamic solidarity to confront this situation and convince the Bulgarian government to respect basic Turkish human rights," it added.

It said Saudi Arabia supported Turkey's drive for talks with Sofia to agree on the ethnic Turks' property and human rights.

Nearly 170,000 Bulgarian ethnic Turks have flooded into Turkey from Bulgaria since mid-May, saying that they are fleeing a five-year campaign of cultural and religious assimilation.

Turkey Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz, seeking support from Muslim countries against Bulgaria over the issue, held talks in Riyadh earlier this month with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal.

Yilmaz handed a message to King Fahd from Turkish President Kenan Evren and officials said Ankara was seeking support for a meeting of the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference.

OIC chairman Kuwait has recalled its ambassador from Sofia for consultations in protest at the treatment of ethnic Turks.

The OIC ministerial council today called for "decisive" anti-Islamic action against Bulgaria in retaliation for the deportation of ethnic Turks.

The OIC urged "Islamic solidarity" to pressure Sofia to respond to Ankara's quest for a contractual treaty that would organise voluntary emigration of Muslims.

Meanwhile, Bulgaria accused Turkey today of stalling talks to settle a dispute over its ethnic Turkish minority.

The Foreign Ministry said Sofia had agreed to top-level talks in Vienna at the end of July.

"Our country did serious and responsible preparation for these negotiations," said a statement carried by Bulgaria's official BTA news agency.

"To our great regret, however, Turkey refused the agreed meetings."

The government alleged the third man was an agent of the US Central Intelligence Agency who recruited the brothers to obtain and sell him information.

Saeed Mahmoud, the presiding judge, sentenced Sami Yussef Ibrahim, 26, and his brother Samir, 30,

'Police treated women brutally'

108 people arrested

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 21, (Agencies): A Dutch reporter detained during a protest by Greek Cypriot women over the 15-year Turkish occupation of northern Cyprus said today that the riot police treated the women brutally, poking them frequently with electric prods.

"It was such a madhouse there with the horrible Turkish Army hordes charging at us with their batons and rifles," said Hetty Lubberding, a correspondent for Dutch radio. "Their behaviour toward them (the Greek Cypriots) was brutal."

Lubberding also said the protest organisers were partly responsible for provoking the Turkish response by choosing a highly sensitive area to broach the buffer zone and by prominently displaying the Greek flag.

Turkish Cypriot riot police arrested 111 people Wednesday night when the protesters moved into a destroyed school and church in the buffer zone between the war-divided sections of the capital.

Three foreign correspondents, including Lubberding, were released yesterday.

The remaining 108 people arrested, including eight to 10 men, remained on the Turkish side today where they were being processed through the courts.

The government-run Radio Bayrak said all the protesters were charged with illegally entering a military zone and violating the borders of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

The trials started today, with the men going first, the radio said. It said Bishop Chrysostomos of Kiton acted as spokesman for the group and refused to speak, saying they did not recognise the Turkish Cypriot government.

Hundreds of women who participated in the earlier protest, that broke up at midnight yesterday after a 30-hour vigil, were expected to gather near a checkpoint manned by United Nations peacekeeping forces to demand the release of those arrested.

The protesters plan to make their demand to Oscar Camillon, the UN special representative on Cyprus.

And in Ankara, Turkey today denounced Greek Cypriots for storming the Green Line and rebuked UN forces for failing to prevent the protest.

"It is obvious that this attack, supported by all institutions including official ones in the south, was a totally planned act of provocation," a Foreign Ministry statement said.

"The incidents have confirmed once again the true need of Turkish Cypriots for Turkey's effective guarantees and the necessity of refraining from attempts to dilute it with other formulae," it said.

"What is indeed surprising, is the attitude of the UN forces, on the island to preserve peace and expected to be unbiased, but incapable of protecting the buffer zone against the attacks of Greek-Cypriot protesters," the statement said.

Algerian vote hailed

Election law adopted

ALGIERS, July 21, (Reuters): Algeria's National Assembly has adopted a landmark electoral law that paves the way for the first multi-party elections since independence in 1962.

The law is part of Algeria's transition from a one-party socialist state to a multi-party democracy, launched after riots over deteriorating economic conditions last October.

Algeria's official media said the National Assembly adopted the law on Wednesday night after making 60 amendments to a draft presented by Interior Minister Aboubakar Belkaid.

"You have placed a new stone in the edifice of democracy, deepening its practice in the field," Belkaid told the assembly after the vote.

A law passed earlier this month allows the formation of new political parties to compete with the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN), which led an eight-year war of liberation against the French.

More than 20 parties have been formed ranging from far-left Trotskyists to Islamic fundamentalists and movements seeking greater recognition for the country's non-Arab Berber culture.

Elections for the National Assembly will follow a winner-take-all system in one round with the leading list of candidates takes all the seats in a given district.

On the local level, the list with an absolute majority takes all the seats. If no list has an absolute majority, the leading list takes 51 per cent of the seats and the remainder are distributed on a proportional basis.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Sanctions retained

WASHINGTON, July 21, (AP): President George Bush said Wednesday he will keep in place 3-year-old economic sanctions and a trade embargo against Libya, which the United States regards as a sponsor of international terrorism.

"The policies and actions of the government of Libya continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States," Bush said in a message to Congress.

Official killed

SIDON, Lebanon, July 21, (Reuters): Gunmen shot dead a senior official of the Iraqi Baath Party in this southern Lebanese port city yesterday, security sources said.

They said two gunmen sprayed machine-gun fire from a speeding car at Ali Kantar, 35, as he was walking near a hospital in Sidon.

The reason for the assassination was not immediately known.

Invitation rejected

KUWAIT, July 21, (AP): John Garang, leader of the rebel movement in southern Sudan, has turned down an invitation to meet with Sudan's new military ruler to settle the problems of the embattled region, the newspaper Al Qabas reported Wednesday.

Garang said in an interview that his Sudan People's Liberation Army believes a meeting should not take place before "national reconciliation" was ensured through lower-level contacts.

Libel case

BAGHDAD, Iraq, July 21, (AP): A well-known Iraqi critic is being sued in a rare libel case by a playwright claiming he and his work were defamed, according to an official newspaper yesterday.

Al-Thawra said Hasaallah Yahya was sued by writer Ibrahim Ali Basal's for launching a "slandorous campaign" against his play.

The 1983 production flopped, closing after ten days of poor attendance.

Gorbachev letter

TUNIS, July 21, (Reuters): A senior Soviet envoy has given PLO leader Yasser Arafat a letter from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, the PLO news agency Wafa said yesterday.

Deputy Foreign Minister Gennadi Tarassov delivered the letter at a meeting with Arafat and three other members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation executive committee in Tunis on Wednesday evening, it said.

Arafat briefed Tarassov on developments in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and in the Middle East, it added.

Regular meeting

AMMAN, July 21, (Reuters): Foreign ministers of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, and North Yemen, which make up the Arab League's Arab Cooperation Council (ACC), agreed today to meet regularly to co-ordinate policies.

Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Qassem told a news conference the ministers would meet four times a year.

Army drive

ANKARA, July 21, (Reuters): The Turkish Army is set to take full control of the battle against separatist Kurdish rebels in the rugged mountains of eastern Turkey following an upsurge in violence, security sources said yesterday.

They said this heralded a tougher policy and was tacit acknowledgement that a hard-line against separatist groups had failed to secure the mainly Kurdish-speaking area near the borders with Iran, Iraq and Syria.

Chad and Libya to sign pact

BAMAKO, July 21, (Reuters): Chad and Libya are set to sign a peace accord to end more than 15 years of conflict over a disputed border area, official sources said today.

A provisional agreement was approved by foreign ministers this morning and submitted to heads of state for signing at a two-day meeting in the Malian capital Bamako, they said.

Five African leaders, including Libya's Muammar Khaddafi and Chad's Hissene Habre, are expected to announce the accord at the close of the meeting today.

"The heads of state will perhaps make a few minor amendments but there will definitely be a Bamako declaration today," one source close to the talks said. "It will be more than an agreement in principle."

Khaddafi arrived in Bamako yesterday with an entourage of about 300 on four planes. After overnight talks, he emerged from his first meeting with Habre smiling hand-in-hand.

It was a diplomatic triumph for the outgoing Organisation of African Unity (OAU) chairman, Moussa Traore of Mali.

'Dirty side of Afghan war'

Soviet paper prints soldiers' tales

MOSCOW, July 21, (AP): A newspaper lifted the lid off the dirty side of the Afghanistan war on Wednesday with two veterans' accounts of soldiers beating innocent prisoners, trading submachine guns for turncoats and barely surviving attacks by their own helicopters.

The daring weekly Moscow News carried the war stories by Valery Abramov, 30, and Ruslan Umiyev, 21, under the headline, "The whole truth has to be told about this war."

Over the past year, the Soviet press has questioned the leadership's decision to militarily intervene in Afghanistan in 1979, to support one communist government against another. But it has stayed away from criticising how the war itself was run.

Human rights activist Andrei D. Sakharov drew public and official fire at the Congress of People's Deputies last month for claiming that Soviet pilots were ordered to kill Soviet soldiers who were likely to be captured by Afghan rebels.

Abramov told Moscow News that Sakharov's claim that Soviet soldiers killed each other could

have been based on a confused firefighting. Umiyev, who served in Afghanistan from 1983 to 1987, said he, too, had seen Soviet fliers mistakenly attack their own troops, adding, "It was quite a mess there, why should we be silent about it?"

Recounting "incidents that are shameful to recall," Abramov described how two Afghan prisoners suspected of being rebel were brought into his camp.

"We already had people killed and missing. Lost friends... and we unleashed all our accumulated pain on those two. We beat them all night, with short breaks. I, too, tried to beat them as painfully as I could. It seemed as if they were to blame for the deaths of our soldiers. And in the morning, it turned out they were peaceful inhabitants who had never participated in any battles."

Umiyev told Moscow News the official silence should also be broken about all the Soviet soldiers in Afghanistan who went over to the other side.

Soviet units would often exchange three rebels or 10 submachine guns for the chance to get their hands on such turncoats, he said.

EVENTS

This week on KTV 2

- SUNDAY**
July 23
- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Care Bears Cartoon
- 6.30 Sea Hunt: "The Stunt." Mike accepts a challenge and make a daring dive.
- 7.00 Architecture at the Crossroads: tonight, a look at Berlin and the architectural heritage of this city.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Maelstrom: "House of Secrets." Catherine falls in love and has to decide whether she wants to stay in Norway or continue her journey.
- 9.30 The Secret World: "Jungles, the Green Hell." This programme unravels the mystery of the forests and hills.
- 10.00 Kate and Allie: "Piano Lessons." Kate's ex-husband buys a piano for his daughter. Comedy.
- 10.30 Best Seller: "The Monocled Mutineer." "Dead Man on Leave" is the title of tonight's episode. The mutiny was suppressed and Toplis goes underground. Based on the book by William Allison and John Fairley, it tells the story of the life and violent death of Percy Toplis, a petty criminal and racketeer who served as a soldier during World War I.
- 11.30 News Summary; Magazine D'Actualite; Holy Quran/Closedown
- MONDAY**
- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Bionic Six: cartoon series
- 6.30 Scheme of Things: "And Baby Makes Three." A look at space and the state of weightlessness.
- 7.00 Roving Report: a
- weekly report of regional and world news.
- 7.30 Charles-in-Charge: "Trade Off." Charles manages to arrange a trade-off in order to spend a night outdoors.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Paradise: "Private War." The fear of violence spreads in the town as Ethan is compelled to encounter certain challenges.
- 9.30 227: "Brother from the Sister City." Brenda wins a race and dreams of becoming a star.
- 10.00 Indelible Evidence: Tonight's case baffles the investigators, until the forensic experts find evidence to arrest the criminal.
- 10.30 Jack and Mike: "The Reluctant Hero." After an athlete refuses to give an interview, Jackie investigates the case. Starring: Shilly Hawk and Tom Manson.
- 11.45 News Summary; Magazine D'Actualite; Holy Quran/Closedown
- TUESDAY**
- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Amigo and Friends: cartoon series
- 6.30 Captain Power: "Summoning Thunder." Part 2. John is taken into custody and Stewart has to find a way to free his son.
- 7.00 Gone Fishing: "Australian Salmon." Fishing for salmon in Australian waters.
- 7.30 The New Adventure of Bean Baxter: "Beans Finds His Dad." Su compels Benjamin to carry out a dangerous mission in Bulgaria while Beans continues his attempt to rescue his father.



A scene from 'A Different World' on KTV2 on Tuesday.

- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 A Different World: "Speech Therapy." Students discuss school affairs and expense problems. Starring: Lisa Bonet.
- 9.10 Horizon: "The Book of Man." A look at hereditary diseases.
- 10.00 Hooperman: "Look Homeward Dirt Bag."
- 10.30 L.A. Law: Victor and Rollins are asked to work together on a complex case and then can't see eye to eye on the best defense.
- 12.00 News Summary; Magazine D'Actualite; Holy Quran/Closedown
- WEDNESDAY**
- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Trollkins: cartoon series
- 6.30 Big Ice: "Joe Society." A look at penguins living in the Antarctic region.
- 7.00 Danger Bay: "The Only Way Down is Up." Nicole develops a new passion: mountain climbing, until one day she has an accident and loses confidence in herself. Christopher Crabb plays Jonah.
- 7.30 Body Matters: "Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow." A look at the various aspects of hair and what it says about a person.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Simon and Simon: "Beauty and the Deceased." A well-known model, Dianne, is being blackmailed by a colleague. The private detectives are asked to investigate. Starring: Gerald McRaney, Jameson Parker.
- 9.30 The Best of British: "Film Fun" looks at the "funnies" made by British producers.
- 9.30 Learning Ropes: "Three Little Words." Elaine helps a new girl who joins the school.
- 10.30 Movie Classics: "Santa Fe Trail." (1940). Starring: Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland, Van Heflin, Ronald Reagan and Raymond Massey. Typical Western, with a lot of action plus an elaborate production. Duration: 110 minutes. Directed by Michael Curtiz.
- 11.30 News Summary; Magazine D'Actualite; Holy Quran/Closedown
- THURSDAY**
- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 The Real Ghostbusters: cartoon series
- 6.30 Take Hart: a new educational series for children.
- 7.00 The Industrious Bees: a look at bee-farms.
- 7.30 T and T: "Pros and T." Aunt Martha is robbed of \$5,000 by swindlers and asks Mr T to find the culprits. Starring: Mr T.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Beauty and the Beast: "The Trial." Catherine is asked to prosecute a man accused of killing his son. Starring: Linda Hamilton, Ron Perlman.
- 10.30 Thursday's Feature Film: "Once Upon a Texas Train." Starring: Richard Widmark, Sean Cassidy.
- 12.00 News Summary; Magazine D'Actualite; Holy Quran/Closedown
- FRIDAY**
- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Silver Hawk: cartoon series
- 6.30 Inter Bang: Gianni and Bruno and William try to recover the miniature version of the Tower of Pisa.
- 7.00 Walt Disney Movie: "Fire on Kelly Mountain." A fire breaks out on Kelly mountain.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Breaking Away
- 9.15 Miami Vice: "Missing Hours." The vice squad deal with the mystery of the unidentified corpse. Starring: Don Johnson.
- 10.00 Open All Hours: Comedy.
- 10.30 Moonlighting: "The Colour of Maddie." Dave and Maddie are assigned to find a man who left his wife several years ago.
- 11.30 News Summary; Magazine D'Actualite; Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 1 weekly highlights

- SUNDAY**
- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 11.10 Local serial: Izaaj. Starring: Ghani AJ Saleh, Dawood Hussain
- 12.15 That's Incredible
- 4.00 Arabic film: Karakoun (Jail). Starring: Adel Imam
- 6.00 Tales from the Holy Quran
- 7.30 Health Magazine
- 8.20 Diwanayat Shuara Al Nabat
- 10.45 Variety programme with singer Mohammad Rushdi
- MONDAY**
- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.30 Iftah Ya Simsim
- 12.35 Cultural film
- 4.00 Historical serial: Meerath Al Saneen
- 5.45 Children and Summer
- 7.30 Holy Quran and Science
- 11.00 Cultural programme
- TUESDAY**
- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 12.15 Cultural programme
- 4.00 Arabic play: Al Zamar. Starring: Sayed Zayan, Sharifa Maher
- 7.55 Weekly Seminar
- 10.45 Arabic film: Qesma Wa Naseeb. Starring: Yahya Shahin.
- WEDNESDAY**
- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.30 Iftah Ya Simsim
- 12.30 Local variety programme: Huwar Wa Nigham
- 4.00 Football match: Brazil vs Scotland, World Cup 1982
- 6.00 Children programme: Laila Min Alf Laila
- 7.00 World About Us
- 8.30 Cultural programme
- 10.45 Arabic serial: Trial Without Prison
- THURSDAY**
- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 12.05 Japanese sports programme
- 4.00 Local play: Al Wajeh Al Thani (Part II). Starring: Ahmad Al Saleh, Dawood Hussain
- 8.30 Religious programme
- 10.45 Arabic film: Madrasat Al Hub. Starring: Al Saadani, Iham Shahin
- FRIDAY**
- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 10.15 Children magazine
- 11.15 Juma prayers
- 1.30 Local programme: Friday meet
- 4.00 Arabic play: Allusous (Theives). Starring: Youssef Shaaban
- 10.00 Wrestling
- 10.45 Variety programme: Kilma with actor Yahya Al Fakharani.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.15 Good Morning programme
- 9.30 Children programme: Iftah Ya Simsim
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Daily Arabic serial: Al Hub Wa Al Sabbar
- 11.00 News in Brief
- 11.20 Arabic serial: Al Naser wa Ayoon Al Madinah
- 12.05 News in Brief
- 12.15 Weekly Arabic serial: Min Ajei Ghadi
- 1.00 News in Brief
- 1.05 World Today via Satellite
- 1.30 Children serial: Floona
- 2.15 New Arabic serial: Harah Naseyha Al Zaman. Starring: Tawfiq Al Asha, Hala Shawkat
- 3.10 Religious programme
- 3.45 Cartoon serial: Bibi Folk and Calimiro
- 4.00 English film: Mastermind
- 6.30 Local programme: The Little Artist
- 7.00 Cultural programme
- 8.30 Religious programme: Fi Nur Al Islam
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 10.00 Daily Arabic serial: Harebat Min Al Madi
- 10.45 Arabic play: Dawlat Fahmi Allati Lam Yaarefha Ahad
- 12.15 News in Brief
- 12.20 World Today via Satellite and Closedown



A scene from Iftah Ya Simsim on KTV 1 at 9.30 am today.

KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Popples: new cartoon series for young viewers.
- 6.30 Owl: a look at the natives of the north Arctic region; also skating and teaching the art of making colourful collages.
- 7.00 The Wild World of Animals: "African Water holes." Most animals breed near lakes and water reservoirs; a look at some of the animal sanctuaries.
- 7.30 Full House: "But Seriously Folks." Uncle teaches D.G. and Stephanie to play musical instrument.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Our House: "Like Father, Like Son." School blues hit the household as the children learn to cope with adversity.
- 9.30 Nuclear Age: "Europe Goes Nuclear." Tonight's episode examines the nuclear armament race.
- 10.30 Late Night Movie: "Blue Devil." Gencive



People from Arctic region in 'Owl' on KTV 2 at 6.30 pm today.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 4 to 7.00 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Tareq Rajab Museum
Sat-Thurs: 9-12 noon and 4-7 pm. Also open on Fridays from 9 to 12 noon.

SOCIAL

Exhibition
JULY 22: Foxton Property Search is holding a three-day exhibition at the Kuwait International Hotel. Exhibition hours are from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm. A range of properties will be presented. Private consultation can be arranged with Tim Brown from Foxtons until July 25 at the hotel.

Eid Mela
JULY 28: Eid Anando Mela organised by Nirhar Cultural Group will be held at the Bangladesh embassy premises at 7.30 pm. Admission is free but it is advisable to collect your gate pass. For details please contact Tel: 3725675, 4313066, 4315759, 4315692.

Farewell pictures
Photographs taken at the farewell reception for outgoing Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha.

organised by the Indian community, are available from Sami Farooqi. Those who are interested in getting a copy of their contact Tel: 2446489.

D'Assisi Social Evening
AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messiah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Fine Arms, Shop No. 34, Al Karak Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

United Goans
AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music saturated evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Joe 5655140, Anicet 2439249 after 6 pm.

Konkani drama
AUG 11: A Konkani drama entitled "Battli Ani Bazaar," directed by Pascoal Rodrigues will be held at the Indian Arts Circle, Funaisites at 10 am and 4 pm. Gate passes are available at Raja Stores and Alex Martins Shop.

KAPILKU Children's Contest
AUGUST 11: KAPILKU will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Salmiya. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). Last date for submitting entries is July 28. For details contact Jojo Medrano, AYP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosafe Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang - Tel: 483447.

Independents ball
AUGUST 17: At the Messiah Beach Hotel from 8.30 pm onwards. Organised by

Kuwait Independents Hockey. For tickets and details contact F. D'Mello (2421252) or S. Bajaj (2445825) after 7.30 pm.

Tivim Centre
OCT. 26: Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Lot of surprises await. For further information contact the organisers.

HOTELS

At the Kuwait International
FAILAKA Restaurant: Moroccan Food Promotion from July 22 to 27. Presents tempting dishes from Casablanca and exotic desserts from Northern Sahara. For lunch and dinner. Ext 8012

La Palma: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German, Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Ext 8166

Garden Pool: Relax by the pool and enjoy our barbecue event every Friday afternoon.

At the Kuwait Plaza
Enjoy the fun: join the celebration of fun and games every Friday at Al Dallah coffee shop where you enjoy all kinds of delicious food. Continental dishes, mezzah, special sweets and Arabic ice-cream. A unique ambience with the most celebrated magician in town. A gift for every child. Fun for the whole family with Walt Disney characters. KD3,000 per child, KD4,500 per adult.

Loulwah corner: Featuring delights of Arabic ice-cream with nine different flavours specially made for the Kuwait Plaza by Syrian experts. Also offers jumbo size of all sorts of sandwiches ranging from the famous Lebanese 'farrouj';

chicken with garlic to steak sandwiches with the Plaza special touch. The famous oud player Fawzi Jamal who sings the best of the good old days songs. A special 4 course lunch for only KD2,500.

Marco Polo: Enjoy the authentic Italian atmosphere which makes you feel that you are in the heart of Rome. Taste the

At the Sheraton
HUNT ROOM: Halbut promotion starts at the Hunt Room from June 12 to June 17 89 where some of the best of preparations make their way to the table of the diners. Live entertainment by Ewa Kaminska.

Coffee Shop: Ice coupe promotion starts at the Coffee Shop as of June 18 to June 24 cool off with some delicious combinations and have a day to remember.

Al Hambra: Daily lunch buffet, entertainment nightly by the Lords. Oriental buffet for dinner. Al Hambra is closed on Friday.

La Tarbouche: Daily lunch and dinner at La Carte. The Arab world specialties continue every Thursday featuring specialties from the Arab world cuisine.

Riccardo: Enjoy the best of Italian cuisine with home made pasta at the Riccardo everyday for lunch and dinner. The Ecrevisse promotion starts from June 24 to 29, entertainment by the Sienna Duo. Riccardo is closed on Friday.

tal and Arabic dishes. Open daily, breakfast lunch and dinner. We serve brunch every Friday.

Welcome on board Al Boom. Dine on our delicious mezzah buffet. Dinner daily and lunch every Thursdays and Saturdays. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

Clock at the SAS club. The only drive-in restaurant in Kuwait offers wide varieties of fast food specialties.

SPORTS

Swimming and Keep Fit
SWIMMING lessons have commenced at the Holiday Inn which is available for non-members. Monday (6 to 7 pm) separate ladies and mens fit classes with Steve and Chris Hill.

Saturdays and Wednesdays (5 to 6 pm) ladies aerobics and Saturdays (6 to 7 pm) mixed aerobics, with Touni Pakasalo.

Bowling available for company tournaments.

Sundays squash handicap tournament, all standards welcome.

Tennis coaching available for non-members and additional facilities available under the supervision of selective professionals: loss of weight, body building, massage (steam - oil - and cream) for ladies and men.

Please contact the recreation department Tel. 4742000 ext 6788 or 6700.

Keep Fit
AQUAFITNESS, judo, karate and taekwando classes at the Kuwait International. Ladies keep fit sessions three times a week at La Palma Fitness Centre after which free use of the pool is invited. Barbecue lunch every Friday afternoon by the Garden Pool. Tennis coaching available. Summer courses for swimming upto July 26. Individual lessons also available. Details with Paul Woodland or Vivienne Buck: 2530000/2533000 ext 8050.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Jahra Pharmacy
Fahd Al Salem Street
Baghdad Pharmacy
Abdullah Al Salem Street
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Qatami Pharmacy
Nagra, Beirut Street
Salmiya & Rumaythiya
Al Samah Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak Street
Fahad & Almadhi
Bastoor Pharmacy
Fahad, Al Dabooos Street
Jleeb Al Shuyoukh
Al Hasawiya Pharmacy
Main Street, Plot No. 3
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Al Mafafi Street

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Space Mutiny
Al Hamra
Combat Killers
Al Salmiya
Arabic film
Al Firdous
Ghar Ghar Ki Kahani
Starring: Rishi Kapoor, Jaya Pradha
Fahadheel Open-Air
7 Bijliyan
Al Fahadheel
Thandrum
Al Jahra
The Wild Wild Wind

Granada
Mutant
Al Solahikhat
Arabic film
Al Jleeb
Simon Peter
Ahmadi Drive-In
Wild Force

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.31 am
Zuhr	11.54
Asr	3.29 pm
Maghreb	6.46
Isha	8.14

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Morocco's economic progress praised

ABAT, July 21. (Reuters): World Bank president Barber Conable has told Morocco's leaders that they must keep spending under control if their heavily-indebted country is to become a major success story for the world lending body.

In meetings with government officials, businessmen and bankers over the last three days, Conable praised an economic performance which resulted in a growth rate last year of 10 per cent and an inflation rate of 2.3 per cent.

But, despite mounting domestic pressures to loosen economic restraints and bring down unemployment, he urged the government to keep a tight lid on spending.

Morocco has to be congratulated for seizing the opportunity offered in the last few years and I believe you can be satisfied with the progress realised," he told a group of businessmen today.

"Morocco can be justly proud of its results, but it has achieved what it has achieved because it has proved itself capable of adhering to a certain fiscal discipline which is a constraining force," he told bankers in Casablanca on Wednesday.

The budget almost balanced last year for the first time in 15 years. But the measures to cut the deficit from its peak of 12 billion dirhams (\$1.4 billion) in 1982 placed severe strains on social cohesion.

Since Morocco launched a World Bank-inspired austerity drive five years ago, exports have risen by about 90 per cent and a deficit of 11 billion dirhams (\$1.3 billion) in the current account has turned into a surplus of 1.7 billion (213 million).

Sheikh Ali in Jeddah

JEDDAH, July 21. (OPECNA): Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa arrived here last evening on an official visit to Saudi Arabia.

The minister was received by Saudi Arabian Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Hisham M. Nazer.

Speaking on his arrival, Sheikh Ali said the visit came within the framework of continuing co-ordination and consultation between the two countries on oil policy matters.

Indian rupee	0.018060
Sri Lankan rupee	0.008640
Pakistani rupee	0.014220
Bangladesh taka	0.008130
US dollars	0.297250
Pound sterling	0.480000
Deutsche mark	0.155550
UAE dirham	0.080980
Japanese yen	0.002100

Crash casts pall over United's revival

CHICAGO, July 21. (AP): The deadly crash of United flight 232 marred a bold resurgence by the nation's second-largest airline from years of marginal profitability, labour strife and corporate infighting.

Only a day before the jumbo jet cartwheeled through an Iowa cornfield, United chairman Stephen Wolf announced the company was seeking government approval for several trans-Atlantic routes in a bid to make the carrier, which already has extensive Pacific routes, "a truly global airline."

Such lofty ambitions were possible because of United's dramatic recovery over the past 18 months, but the crash has cast a pall over that revival.

"Usually for a short period of time there is customer avoidance of a carrier that has had an incident," said Robert J. Joedicke, an industry analyst with Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc. in New York.

"This tends to wear off fairly

promptly," especially in the busy summer season, he said.

The past five years have witnessed a bitter, month-long walkout by the airline's pilots and flight attendants. They also saw United go through an identity crisis in which the company embarked on an ambitious acquisition spree to become a complete travel service company.

This tumultuous period in United's 62-year history eventually brought new leadership and a return to the company's airline roots. It also included the 1987 opening of United's home-base terminal at Chicago's O'Hare Airport — a frosted glass-and-steel showcase for the airline's recovery.

The stock of United's parent company, UAL Corp., has soared in recent weeks with other airline stocks following the announced takeover of Northwest Airlines parent NWA Inc. by an international investors' group.

UAL stock closed at \$172 on Thursday, down \$1 and 50 cents.

Analysts say United's 80 per cent ownership of its 408-plane fleet — the highest rate among major carriers — considerably enhances its appeal. Many airlines lease their aircraft rather than own them.

Last spring, Wolf announced United had placed orders and options for as many as 370 Boeing planes worth \$15.4 billion. The huge purchase is central to United's goal of restoring its rank as the nation's largest domestic carrier, a title assumed by American Airlines in recent months, said United spokeswoman Sue Moss.

In April, Wolf announced first-quarter revenues rose almost 12 per cent to \$2.3 billion and profits from continuing operations more than doubled to \$65.4 million, making it "our fifth consecutive quarter of superb earnings and the best first-quarter of United's history."

In contrast, for 10 lean years starting in 1977, Chicago-based UAL reported profits just four times and increased its fleet only slightly.

"The financial results speak for themselves. They certainly have done an excellent turnaround," Joedicke said.

Wolf took over in December 1987 with a plan: quality service would lead to improved earnings that would enable the airline to expand its fleet and operations.

He was brought in after UAL's brief, ill-starred run as Allegis Corp. The name change came in February 1987, during the tenure of former chairman Richard Ferris.

Ferris envisioned a travel services conglomerate combining air travel, car rental, hotels and a reservations system. But big losses produced pressure for change from major shareholders.

Only four months after the firm became Allegis, Ferris resigned.

Cairo likely to raise import duties

IMF wins Mubarak's praise

CAIRO, July 21. (Reuters): The International Monetary Fund (IMF) won rare praise today from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, one of its most caustic critics in the past.

"The whole world spares no effort in helping Egypt and standing by it, as well as economic institutions foremost of which is the IMF," he told party supporters in Cairo.

"They (the institutions) know that Egypt is unique in representing the key to stability in the Middle East," said Mubarak, quoted by Egypt's Middle East News Agency.

Mubarak, who last year likened the IMF to a "quack doctor," told the annual conference of his ruling National Democratic Party why Egypt needed agreement with the fund over proposed economic

reforms. "The IMF gives an international certificate stating the strength of the Egyptian economy which means rescheduling the debts — that gives greater ability to develop and increase employment," the agency quoted him as saying.

An IMF official left Cairo earlier this month saying he was optimistic about an accord that would help Egypt reschedule part of its \$50 billion debt and win new credits.

Cash is urgently needed to help Egypt feed, house and clothe its population, estimated at nearly 60 million and growing by about a million every seven months.

Mubarak has long resisted IMF calls for cuts in state subsidies on food and energy, fearing price rises would spark social upheaval similar to the so-called

bread riots of 1977.

The party's annual conference is focused this year on unemployment, which the government estimates at 1.1 million. Unofficial estimates range from two to four million.

"Egyptian people's capacity for tolerance is very high," said Galal Amin, economics professor at the American University of Cairo. "But what has been happening over the last two years has been unprecedented. The lower middle classes and the poor have had to make more sacrifices than they ever have before."

The poor have watched bread prices creep upwards. Middle classes either cannot afford or cannot find imported luxuries. Sixty per cent of graduates cannot find a job immediately.

The budget deficit, the key issue for the IMF, will be cut

mainly by raising revenues rather than by slashing subsidies.

Spending has been held down, with public sector salaries to rise this year by just 15 per cent — about half the inflation rate. There were small reductions in energy and bread subsidies.

New revenues are to come partly by taxing Egyptians working abroad. The state is also expected to raise import duties by abolishing an artificially low exchange rate at which customs duties are calculated.

With the IMF apparently satisfied by budget forecasts, experts tentatively predict an IMF accord in September followed by a debt rescheduling pact in October at the informal Paris club of creditor nations.

Egypt needs an IMF accord to help it reschedule some \$4 billion of debt. Total debt is \$50 billion.

Dollar and dealers languish

Gold down

LONDON, July 21. (Agencies): A torpid summer week on European currency markets ended today with the dollar back roughly where it began and dealers finding little of substance on which to put their money.

"The dollar fell, the dollar rose, the dollar moved around," commented analyst David Deakin of the Nikko Bank in London.

He was referring in particular to indications made by the chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, Alan Greenspan, that high American interest rates might be brought down

cautiously. Greenspan's statement on monetary policy to the US Congress on Thursday failed to stir listless dealers.

They also found little elsewhere to inspire them and held their fire before Sunday's Japanese upper house of parliament elections.

Even there, expected losses by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party have already been discounted in European markets, and the dollar remained becalmed against the yen.

Shares were also sluggish in London and Paris at the end of a

bullish week that had seen key indices reach new highs on the back of a boom on Wall Street which ended on Thursday.

But, against expectations of a retreat through profit taking, the Frankfurt bourse jumped to a 1989 high for the fourth time this week.

After opening at 1,902.5 West German marks and 141.95 Japanese yen, the dollar made modest gains in London to finish at 1.9093, up just 0.18 pence from its closing price on Monday. It gained 0.23 yen today to end at 142.18, up a mere 0.63 from Monday.

"Today has been dominated by chance factors in every currency," said a Frankfurt trader. "There is no real trend anywhere."

Frankfurt's 30-share DAX index hit a year's new high of 1,557.26 points, up 6.0 from Thursday's previous high, before slipping to close at 1,555.40.

Gold closed in London 65 cents down at \$371.75 per ounce. London's international stock exchange reached post-crash highs midweek, although trading fell back when institutional investors consolidated the gains of the previous ten days' trading.

Strike shows signs of abating

'High degree of organisation'

MOSCOW, July 21. (Reuters): The Soviet coal miners' strike showed signs of abating today after 11 days which have knocked the economy, shaken the ruling Communist Party and thrown the role of the trades unions into question.

Soviet media reported that miners in the Kuzbass coalfield of west Siberia, where the strike began last week, had all returned to work.

But Soviet television said miners were still out in the Ukraine's Donbass field, the biggest coal producing area in the country, which joined the strike this week.

There was also no sign of an end of new stoppages in four other coalfields, near Dnepropetrovsk in the Ukraine, Rostov-on-Don in south Russian, Vorkuta in the far north and Karaganda in the Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan.

"What is staggering is the fact that the miners showed such a high degree of organisation, without any involvement by the unions," said one foreign diplomat. "This was one reason why they were so effective and caught the authorities unawares."

Tass said it would take a long time to repair the damage caused by the strike, estimated to have involved up to quarter of a million miners. Without giving figures, the agency described production losses as "tremendous."

A trade union official told Reuters the disputes across the country had cost some six million tonnes in lost production — the equivalent of three days of Soviet coal output for July.

The settlement in the Kuzbass, terms of which are being offered to all mining regions in the country, will hit the beleaguered Soviet economy even harder.

The government has pledged millions of roubles worth of food and goods to boost living standards in the mining communities, at a time when the country is already facing a growing budget deficit and chronic shortages of basic goods.

It was far from clear how the authorities planned to finance the deal, which could spark off unrest in other branches of the economy with workers expressing resentment over preferential treatment for the miners.

Turkey raises minimum wage

ANKARA, July 21. (Reuters): Inflation-hit Turkey raised its minimum wage today from the equivalent of \$59 a month to \$105.

One trade union leader, Orhan Balaban, secretary-general of the main Turk-Workers Confederation in Ankara, dismissed the announcement, saying: "This is not a minimum monthly wage, this is a poverty wage."

Turkey had an inflation rate of 67 per cent in the 12 months to the end of June and bankers estimate the rate will exceed 80 per cent by the end of the year, despite an official target of 38 per cent approved by parliament last December.

The minimum wage increase, effective from August 1, will affect about 800,000 non-union industrial and agricultural workers, Anatolian news agency said.

It followed an average 95 per cent pay award to over 1.5 million civil servants in July and pay rises of 140 per cent over two years for 600,000 public sector workers in May.

Balaban told Reuters: "We are protesting about the government's attitude to people who do not have the unions to back them and who will never be able to make ends meet."

Meanwhile Iran and Turkey have failed to agree on prices for a proposed oil deal, Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh said today.

Turkish Minister of State Ilhan Askin left Tehran after talks in which, according to Aqazadeh's comments to Tehran radio, they agreed that Turkey should buy five million tonnes of Iranian crude oil this year.

Kuwait envoy elected director

GENEVA, July 21. (KUNA): Salem Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, ambassador of Kuwait, has been elected as an alternate director to the executive board of the new international financial institution — the Common Fund for Commodities.

In the elections held here last night, the governing council of the Common Fund elected twenty-six of the 28 executive directors and their alternates, who will constitute the executive board of the fund. The remaining two executive directors and their alternates are to be elected by the governing council at its second annual meeting.

Casim Jafar Faqih of Saudi Arabia was elected to the post of executive director. The council also elected Hassan Abouyoub of Morocco as an executive director.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 20/07/1989			
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
5	Ibn Alhaitham	KSA	4843150
6	Atlantic Express	Sager	2432692
8	Shaam	ISA	2441860
10	Viktor Talalikhin	Al Rashid	2422026
11	Baghdad	KSA	4843150
12	Ville Doman	YAAS	4745533
13	Chattanooga-L	Balship	2436920
17	Capt Ali	Algh Barwil	4842988
17	Mette Clipper	Gh & Q	4347815
18	Ahron	Gh & Q	4347815
19	White Manta	Al Bader	2433537
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
20/7	Al Majed	Algh Barwil	4843988
21/7	Young Soldier	Al Rashid	2422026
21/7	Ever Order	SMS	4745471
20/7	Qu Jiang	M. Bahar	2433881
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT			
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Sparkle Moon	M.A. Bahar	2459891
13	Elizabeth K	Algh Barwil	4843988
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
O'due	Charalambos B	Algh Barwil	4842988
O'due	Dona Sophia	Gh & Q	4347815
19/7	Ibn Bassam	UASC	4843150
19/7	Oceanus	Algh Barwil	4842988
20/7	Ming Yu	Algh Barwil	4842988

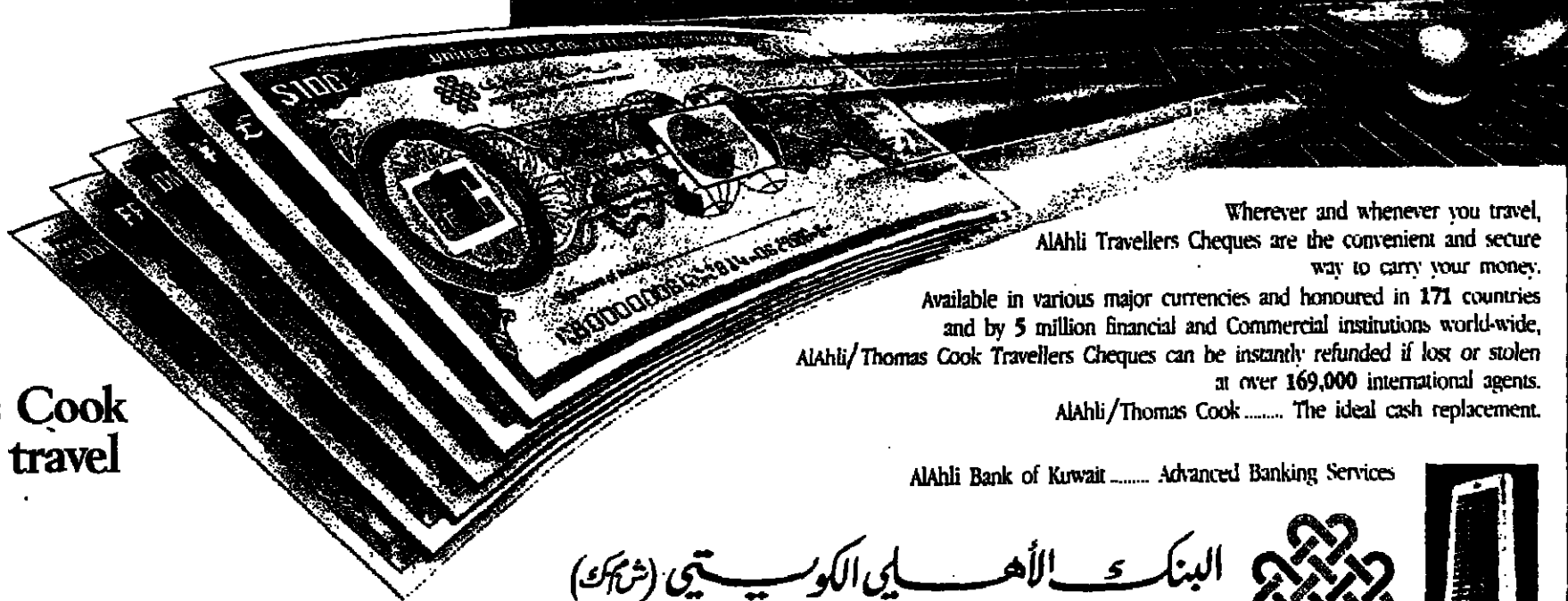
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BORRWICK	42/0	43/0	HESTAR	237/0	236/0	ROSEHAUGH	647/0	645/0
BR ARDRA	117/0	117/0	HEYWOOD W	296/0	296/0	ROTHSCHILD	237/0	239/0
BR ASSETS	86/0	83/4	HICKMAN H	362/0	362/0	ROTKOP	164/0	163/0
BR DREDGI	173/0	171/0	HIGGS HIL	322/0	322/0	RUGBY RFR	197/0	196/0
BR VITA	288/0	288/0	HMBRO CITY	51/0	51/0	RUTLAND T	41/0	42/0
BRENT CHE	142/0	142/0	HMBRO ZOP	228/0	228/0	SAGA GRP	300/0	300/0
BRENT MKR	390/0	390/0	HMTB SPHR	151/0	151/0	SALE TLNY	207/0	208/0
BRIKOR	207/0	207/0	HOLMES PR	80/0	79/0	SALVESIN	153/0	152/0
BRITAIN SE	186/0	186/0	HOMDEN GP	160/0	160/0	SAVILLE G	71/0	71/0
BRITANNIC	471/0	472/0	HPOKINSON	79/0	80/0	SAYO "AA"	878/0	875/0
BRIXTON E	223/0	223/0	HRY.0865	154/0	153/0	SCOT I.T.	161/4	161/4
BRN & JAC	44/4	44/0	HTV GROUP	101/0	100/0	SCOT I.T.	167/0	167/0
BROWN SHI	350/0	350/0	ICE.F.Z.FD	358/0	358/0	SCOT.AM.T	118/0	117/0
BRYANT GP	109/0	109/0	IMRY M.DV	630/0	628/0	SCOT.E.I.T	174/0	175/0
BSS INTL	81/4	81/4	INOPHD T	15/0	15/0	SCT NAT C	61/0	60/0
BUG BUNDL	113/0	112/0	INOPD PLC	35/0	35/0	SCT NAT I	94/0	94/0
BULLBOGH	172/0	172/0	INT.BU.CH	144/0	145/0	SCT NAT W	17/0	17/0
BULMER HP	173/0	175/0	INT.CITY	54/0	55/0	SECS TST	67/0	67/0
CAIRO GRP	583/0	580/0	JHNS&FIR	63/4	63/4	SELCTV 1P	16/0	16/0
CALENDARIA	399/0	402/0	JOS MLDGS	158/0	159/0	SENA GRP	322/0	325/0
CAMP ELE	215/0	215/0	KALAMAZOO	30/0	30/0	SHANDWICK	136/0	137/0
CAMPB EEC	29/0	29/0	KALON GRP	41/4	41/4	SHERATON	90/0	90/0
CANNING W	283/0	284/0	KELT ENGY	53/0	53/0	SHIRE INV	253/0	253/0
CANNON ST	227/0	228/0	KETSON	15/0	15/0	SIMON ENG	410/0	411/0
CAP.RADIO	797/0	798/0	KLURT CHR	152/4	152/4	SINGER&F	77/0	77/0
CARADON	326/0	327/0	KLURT O'S	159/0	159/0	SMITH D	362/0	363/0
CAULCON	139/0	141/0	KLURT SML	190/0	191/0	SOUND OIF	22/0	22/0
CARLSEN	12/4	12/4	KWJX SAE	508/0	506/0	SPRING RAM	115/0	116/0
CENTL ITV	784/0	788/0	KWIK-FIT	113/0	113/0	SPRX-SARC	250/0	250/0
CIAM PHRR	214/0	215/0	LAING 'A'	319/0	319/0	ST. ANDREW	228/4	229/0
CHARTERHA	23/2	23/0	LAING ORD	330/0	330/0	ST.MODWEN	44/4	45/0
CHLORIDE	39/0	39/0	LAING PRP	533/0	532/0	STAKIS	105/0	106/0
CHRYSTIE	303/0	300/0	LAIRD GRP	270/0	268/0	STEETLEY	421/0	420/0
CI GROUP	51/0	51/0	LAMRICE W	141/0	141/0	STREHD PR	218/0	217/0
CLAYFORD	306/0	303/0	LBN & MT	189/0	189/0	STORDARD	40/0	44/0
CNTRL SEC	58/4	58/4	LBN ATLAN	79/0	80/0	STORNGAR	20/0	20/0
CNTRY OIL	161/0	161/0	LBN INTL	249/0	248/0	STURGE	259/0	259/0
COALITE	477/0	475/0	LBN LTD	63/0	63/0	T.L.P. EU	164/0	164/0
COLEMAN	284/0	284/0	LEBUND	155/0	155/0	TELETRAK	49/0	50/0
COLORBOL	151/0	151/0	LEIGH I	92/0	92/0	TEMPLE BA	293/0	293/0
CONELLS	207/0	208/0	LEP GROUP	175/0	176/0	THAMES TV	493/0	495/0
COOPER F	134/0	134/0	LFX SERVC	379/0	376/0	THORNTONS	144/0	144/0
COSTAIN	325/0	325/0	LIFE SCIE	79/0	80/0	THROGHTN	89/4	89/4
COURTS FR	199/0	198/0	LILLEY	70/4	69/4	TIE RACK	77/0	77/0
COMTE CT	141/0	142/0	LIT	127/0	127/0	TILBURY	650/0	640/0
CROH	211/0	211/0	LOYD THP	220/0	220/0	TIME PROO	205/0	204/0
CRODA INT	229/0	235/0	LOGICA	343/0	345/0	TIPHOCK	489/0	488/0
CRYSTALAT	114/0	115/0	LOVELL HD	262/0	261/0	TOMKINS F	266/0	265/0
CTRY PROP	231/0	230/0	LOW (AM)	276/0	275/0	TOOTAL	121/2	121/0
DARES EST	34/2	34/0	LOWBONNER	232/0	231/0	TOZER KM	126/0	126/0
DAVIS GD	177/0	178/0	M&G GROUP	338/0	339/0	TR CITY	97/0	97/0
DAVY CORP	278/0	279/0	M.C.PACIF	235/0	235/0	TR PACIFIC	86/4	86/0
DAMSON GP	138/0	135/0	M.L.H.DGGS	139/0	140/0	TR PROPTY	63/0	63/0
DELTA GRP	365/0	364/0	MACARTHY	257/0	255/0	TR TRSEE	159/0	158/4
DEVENISH	323/0	325/0	MACFARLNEE	240/0	240/0	TRIMCO	32/6	32/6
DEWHIRST	41/4	42/0	MAJ	103/0	102/0	TRITON ER	176/0	176/0
DIPLOMA	221/0	222/0	MAJEDIE	256/0	256/0	TRSPRT DV	288/0	288/0
DOBSON PK	102/4	102/0	MANDERS	216/0	216/0	U-BORLAND	85/0	85/0
DOWPAS GR	360/0	361/0	MATTHEWS	70/0	70/0	U-BRD ST	38/0	38/0
DREYER	79/0	79/0	MCCARTHY	101/0	105/0	U-BROADW	246/0	246/0
DONTY GRP	281/0	280/0	MCKECHNIE	328/0	326/0	U-CTYVSN	219/0	219/0
DRAYTON FE	436/0	435/0	NENCKE	240/0	240/0	U-CLUFF	68/0	68/0
DRAYTON C	557/0	556/0	NENZIES	354/0	353/0	U-DENABRO	204/0	203/0
DRG	533/0	531/0	MERCH. TST	196/0	196/0	U-DEWEY W	112/0	111/0
DUNDEWSTR	71/0	71/0	MERLIN IN	65/0	64/0	U-DURNAN	52/0	51/0
KUNELI D	326/0	327/0	METAL CLS	172/0	173/0			

GEN ELECT	55/3	55/6	N STA PWR	36/2	36/3	SEAGULL EN	20/2	20/3
GEN HOST	8/0	8/0	NAT INTERG	16/2	16/1	SEARS ROE	45/0	45/1
GEN HOUSWR	11/2	11/3	NBI CORP	2/3	2/4	SERV CORP	21/0	21/1

A BSCB COM AAR CORP ACORP LAB ACME CLVLD ADIC MICRO AEROFL LAB ALCAN LIFE AM STOKES AIR PR-CHM ALASKA AIR ALBERTSONS ALBMA 8-16 ALCAN ALUM ALCO STAND AM CAP SEC AM CYANIDE AM FAMILY AM HON PRO AM STORES AM TEL-TOL AMAX INC AMOCO CORP AMP INC AMPCO PITT AMR CORP AMR GEN CO AMRADIA HE AMERICAN EL APACHE CO APPAL 8-12 ARMSTRONG ASHLAND OIL ASIA PACIFIC ATLCS CORP AVERY INT AVNET INC AVON PRODS BELL SOUTH BELO CP A BEVERLY H BFA DECKER BNK BOSTON BNK BOSTN-A BNK N-YORK BNK TR-NY BNKAMERICA BNKAM SPEC BOEING CO BOISE CASC BND IN GLD BORDEN BOMATER BR TELECOM BRIGGS-STR BRIST-MYER BRUNSWICK C 3 INC C HUD G-EL CABOT CORP CAESARS MO CA FREIGHT CAS NAT GS CAST-COOKIE CATERP1 TR CBI IND CBS CENTEL CP CHANG INTL CHAMP SPA CHARTER CO CHASE MAN CHEMED CP CHENIC BNK CHEVRON CHRYSLER CHUBB CORP CHUR FR CH CIGNA CORP CIR CITY S CITICORP CLARK EQUI CLOROX CNBLL RES CNBLL SP CND PACIFIC COACHMEN COSTAL COCOA COLA COLECO COLEMAN CO COLG-PALM COLM GAS COLUMBUS-C COM EDISON CONAGRA COM EDISON CONTECH CONTL ILLN CONTEL CP CONTR DATA COOPER T-R COOPER COM CORNING IN CRAY RES	62/4 42/7 32/6 61/6 11/6 9/0 4/3 58/2 22/1 43/6 27/6 48/3 90/0 21/5 31/0 21/4 54/0 15/5 96/5 64/6 37/0 25/1 47/6 42/4 13/7 65/4 37/1 39/3 10/4 14/0 0 48/0 37/1 10/7 16/5 26/5 24/6 33/3 50/0 35/3 20/2 8/0 28/4 37/7 50/6 51/0 28/5 6/4 52/0 43/7 7/7 70/4 27/4 44/4 26/3 51/2 15/6 4/5 22/3 41/1 40/3 23/4 17/4 17/2 60/3 32/5 21/1 49/6 33/4 21/0 4/4 37/0 35/6 37/0 55/5 24/1 69/6 5/2 58/6 24/5 12/1 31/2 39/0 40/3 11 54/3 20/5 9/0 43/6 60/2 0 55/1 45/7 0 38/4 36/6 26/2 35/2 0 60/6 21/1 32/0 2/6 41/0 43/6	GEN HILLS GEN MOTORS GENCORP GENETECH GENUINE PA GO PWT-80 GEORGI-PAC GIBR FI CL GOLDEN NUG GOODRICH GOODYEAR GRACE MR GRAINGER GREYHOUND GRULMAN GUNF RES-C HALLIBURTON HALLWOOD HANDLERYAN HANNA MIN HARMON HARRIS CP HECLA MIN HEINZ NJ HEM CURTIS HELM-PAYNE HERCULES HEUL-PACK HILLENBERG HILTON HTLS HITACHI HMSIZE MIN HNDY-HARMN HOLIDAY C HOME DEPOT HOMEPED CP HONDA MOTR HONEYWELL HOUGHTON MI HOUSTON IN HUGHES SUP HUMANA INC IBR ICN PHARMA ILLINOIS ILLINOIS-OB INDIA GROUP INGRESS-RA JEFF PILOT JER PW 8-5 JOHNSON CO JOHNSON-JNS K HART CP KAN CI P-L KELLWOOD KERR MCGEE KEYSTONE KIMB-CLARK KLN R D AI KN RID MNS KROGER CP LEA RONAL LEHMAN LENNAR LINCOLN NA LITTON IND LOCKHEED LOCOTITE CP LOEMS CORP LONE STAR LONGS DRUG LOWES LTD CORP LTV INC LTV 1-25 LTV 3-068 LTV 5-25 LUBRIZOL LUMINEX LUMINEX-CHS MALAYSIA F MGT ASST M HARRIETA MA COM INC MANOR CARE MANU HANOV MARION LAB MARRIOTT MASCOR CORP MATSU ELEC MATTTEL INC MCA INCORP MCDONALDS MCDONALDS MCGRAW-HILL HEAD HELVETIA HEWLETT CO HEROLDITH MERRILL LY MOBIL OIL MOKSANTAM MONTANA PO MORGAN JN MOTOROLA MRSH-MCLEAN MURPHY OIL	68/3 43/0 16/6 17/5 38/0 81/0 48/5 41/1 22/6 60/4 53/4 31/7 62/2 33/2 22/1 10/7 34/6 4/7 26/5 24/2 18/0 33/4 33/6 13/0 58/7 56/6 28/3 48/7 53/1 28/0 37/5 27/5 101/2 112/7 13/2 17/4 57/2 28/2 38/0 28/0 84/4 40/0 33/1 19/6 36/7 112/7 6/2 16/2 22/2 13/4 45/4 37/1 38/2 50/2 37/4 33/4 32/1 51/4 18/3 64/2 24/0 23/6 52/0 16/5 16/7 13/6 23/4 53/6 90/0 48/7 45/1 115/0 31/4 41/5 25/2 35/1 2/1 2/4 3/3 0 0 44/5 26/4 26/5 11/0 12 45/5 8/1 15/7 39/7 34/6 39/2 39/0 169/0 16/4 16/5 61/5 31/1 71/4 73/7 40/2 46/0 73/2 37/4 32/2 52/3 113/2 113/4 39/7 37/6 56/2 66/1 68/0	NEW ENG EL NEW PLA RE NEWELL CO NEWMONT MI NEWMONT GLD NI MOH6-10 NI MOH7-2 NICOLET IN NICOR INC NI INDS NOBLE AFF NORD RESOU NORTHROP NORTON NOVOD NORD NOVOR CORP OAK INDS OCC PETRCR OCEAN DRIL ODGEN CORP OH ED CO OHIO NATT OLIN CORP ONWICARE ORION PICT PAINE WEB PAN AM PANHANDLE PARK ELECT PARKER DRI PARKER NAM PATRICK PET PC INDS-96 PENN CENTR PENNZOIL PEOPLES EN PEPSICO PFIZER PHELPS DOD PHILIP MOR PHILIPS PE PINNACLE W PITW-BOMES PITTSBURG POLAROID POLYMER G PPG INDS PRIME CORP PRIME INNS PRIMERICA PROCTER GM PUGET SP-L PULTE HOME QUAKER OAT QUAKER COR QUANTUM CH RALS PURIN RAMADA INN RANGER OIL RAYCHEM RAYMARK RAYTHEON REYNOLD HE RLC CORP ROCKWELL ROHR INDS ROHR HAOS ROLLINS EN ROLLINS IN ROMBER GRP ROMAN CORP ROYL DUTCH RSS BERRIE RYDER SYST RYLAND GRP S DETG G-E SALOMON SARA LEE SC ATLANTA SCOTT PPR SCOTTYS SE BANK CO SEA CONT SEAGRAN CO	26/5 17/2 40/5 38/0 33/0 61/4 80/0 11/1 36/4 24/5 14/5 11/2 25/5 54/5 49/0 60/2 1/3 28/3 20/0 34/2 22/2 14/2 61/0 8/4 21/3 21/0 3/5 3/6 27/3 14/5 7/4 28/3 6/5 97/0 26/3 81/6 23/0 58/1 59/2 59/6 146/6 23/2 12/6 48/0 19/5 43/2 24/5 19/0 32/0 24/6 116/2 21/4 16/4 65/2 15/2 41/2 93/2 14/2 0 35/0 1,10 75/3 50/0 8/1 22/2 33/1 29/3 10/7 18/5 37
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INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-GR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1892.34	1901.4	1707.9	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	2297.34	2297.34	1295.86	1008.7
FT ALL SHR	1170.15	1170.15	1170.28	1076.15
FT GDC SEC	86.40	86.34	86.30	87.30
FT GOLD MN	193.00	192.40	199.00	190.2
FT NIMES F	674.16	674.16	676.94	653.25
FT OIL	0	2192.9	2176.3	1978.9
FT WLD DLR	147.36	147.01	146.28	141.17
FT WLD STG	134.28	134.58	133.33	123.81
FT WLD LOC	139.75	139.70	138.63	129.77
				123.40

U.K. STOCKS EASIER IN SLUGGISH LATE TRADE

DEALERS NOTED THE MARKET HAD GAINED OVER 125 POINTS SO FAR THIS MONTH AND HAD COME CLOSE TO SURPASSING PRE-CRASH LEVELS THIS WEEK. "CORPORATE ACTIVITY HAS COINCIDED WITH A SHORTAGE OF STOCK AND SQUEEZED THE MARKET UP. BUT THERE'S NO URGENCY TO PUT NEW MONEY ON THE LINE AND CASE IT," SAID ONE. BY 1447 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS 11.6 POINTS DOWN AT 2280.9 AFTER A LOW OF 2275.5.

ENTERPRISE OIL WAS A MAJOR FEATURE IN A MARKET STARVED FOR CORPORATE NEWS TODAY, LOSING 14P TO 617 AS A BRITISH COURT CONFIRMED MARKET SPECULATION BY GRANTING PRE-EMPTION RIGHTS ON 961 MLN DLRS OF NORTH SEA ASSETS ENTERPRISE IS BUYING TO BRITISH GAS AND AMERADA HESS.

Precious Metals

DEALERS SAID BUSINESS WAS FAIRLY ROUTINE THIS AFTERNOON,
WITH THE MARKET MOSTLY STEADY, BUILDING ON THE EARLIER

ENDED AT 489/490 DLRS, UP ONE DLR.

London Money Market

THEY SAID SOME RATES DROPPED AROUND 1/16 OVERNIGHT ON A STRONGER CURRENCY, AS THE DOLLAR INITIALLY LOST GROUND AGAINST STERLING BECAUSE OF CONTINUING SENTIMENT THAT U.S. INTEREST

BILLION STG. THIS WAS EVENTUALLY COMPLETELY OFFSET BY BANK INTERVENTION TOTALLING 1.066 BILLION STG.

Foreign Exchange

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS-2	PREV-GR	PREV-YR
AUSTRIA	322.10	316.00	314.60	284.00
AUSTRIA	321.70	322.20	323.30	287.90
BELGIUM	449.60	448.20	451.70	445.30
CANADA	423.40	422.20	419.80	386.80
DENMARK	756.20	755.40	756.30	602.30
FRANCE	509.10	506.80	504.40	464.40
GERMANY	240.90	239.30	236.50	200.70
HONG KONG	1905.8	1911.3	1875.2	221.20
FINLAND	124.30	124.30	124.80	164.40
ITALY	534.20	532.70	535.40	128.30
JAPAN	109.16	147.40	147.20	471.20
HOLLAND	325.90	323.70	321.20	1483.60
NEW ZEAL	93.30	92.70	91.80	296.80
NORWAY	835.40	838.60	830.90	751.00
SPORE	787.70	789.40	786.90	694.70
SPAIN	255.10	254.10	254.50	245.10
SWEDEN	1421.70	1417.00	1409.60	1247.10
SWITZER	217.20	216.90	215.30	186.70
U K	693.90	694.70	688.80	632.90
U S A	307.50	309.30	305.20	270.90
WORLD	520.90	520.60	517.00	503.40
E A F E	947.90	944.20	940.80	959.20

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NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME				AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
MARTIN LAB	35	+	3/8	FUR VAULT	3 1/4	-	1/4
SMITHKLINE	60	-	1/8	I.C.H. CP	6 1/8	+	2 1/4
AMERBANK	22	-	1/8	BAT INDS	4 1/2	+	1/4
ATT	36 7/8	-	1/4	TEXAS AIR	16 7/8	+	3/8
MAXUS ENER	9 5/8	+	1/8	BRASCAN	25 1/8	-	3/8
GEN ELEC	55 3/8	+	3/8	WAB LAB B	6 1/4	-	3/8
AMER MED	25 1/4	-	1/4	FRUIT LOOM	13	-	1/8
GTE CORP	55 7/8	UNCH		LIONEL CP	7 3/4		UNCH
USAIR GRP	50 3/4	+	1	ECHO BAY	15 1/8	-	1/4
CINN GAS	28 3/4	-	1/8	WESTERN DI	8 7/8	-	1/8

NEW YORK, N. Y. (AP) —

NEW YORK, July 21, (Reuters): US blue chips edged higher on some programme buying after trading in a tight range for most of the morning. The advance was supported by gains in several key stocks, including International Business Machines Corp and General Motors Corp. The Dow rose seven to 2582. Decliners led gainers by about seven to five.

"Those were definitely programmes," said a market analyst. He said trading today may be volatile due to the major market index stock options and futures expiration.

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International Bond Highlights

LONDON: General Motors Acceptance Corp of Canada is issuing a 100 min ECU five year 8-3/4 pct Eurobond priced at 101.85, lead manager Bankers Trust International said.

London: The State Bank of Victoria is issuing a 75 min stg Eurobond due August 21, 1994, paying 11-1/2 pct and priced at 101.71, lead manager Bankers Trust International said.

Amsterdam: Dutch Municipalities bank Bank voor Noord-Hollandische Gemeenten is making its debut in the Eurobond market with a 200 min stg Eurobond due August 21, 1994, paying 11-1/2 pct and priced at 101.71, lead manager Bankers Trust International said.

Hong Kong: A 105 billion HK dollar syndicated loan to container port operator Hong Kong International Terminals Ltd will be placed in the market today, banking sources said. About 30 banks are expected to join.

London: Commercial banks are likely to start negotiations on debt reduction with Venezuela and Costa Rica after a debt financing plan for Venezuela is completed, a leading Japanese banker said.

Paris: The Paris Club of creditor nations has agreed to reschedule payments due on certain loans to Angola, the French Finance Ministry said in a statement.

New York: Standard and Poor's Corp said it has introduced a new service to evaluate bondholders' protection against corporate credit event risk.

London: Maxwell Corporation PLC said it repaid ahead of schedule the 1.1 billion dr short-term syndicated loan facility arranged to finance, in part, the acquisition of US publisher MacMillan Inc.

Cairo: Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Friday praised the international Monetary Fund for its efforts to help his country in remarks which contrasted with his rejection of the fund last year as a "quack doctor".

BOMBAY

PR.	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	33	33.50	32.50	MAT	ORG	---	---	---
C	299.50	397.50	293	GNFC	124.50	124.50	121.25	NIPPON	37.50	37.50	38.50	---
CH	---	---	---	GNFC	153.75	156.25	---	NIPPON	980	975	960	---
W	---	---	---	GNFC	69	68	68	ORXAY	17	17	---	---
I	---	---	---	GNFC	11	10	11	OSUAL AGRO	73	72	72.50	---
HK	75	72.50	75	HERO	21	21	22	PEICO	20	19	19.50	---
LA	187.50	187.50	185	HIND CIBA	900	900	890	PFIZER	67.50	66.50	67	---
LAS	38	37	36.50	HIND COCOA	112.50	112	112	PONDS	173.75	171.25	170	---
TO	73	70	73	HIND LEVER	93	93	92	PREM AUTO	51.25	51	50	---
JAI	355	352.50	347.50	HIND MOTOR	33.75	33.75	33.50	RANBYA	82.50	80	82.50	---
R	555	557.50	545	HINDALCO	295	292.50	290	RAY WOOL	84	82.50	83.50	---
BOND	83	81.50	82	HOECHST	765	760	760	RECKITT	182.50	180	182.50	---
ON PLAST	---	---	---	HIND ORG	39.50	39	38	RELINACE	123	122	118	---
M	128.50	130	128.50	HIND RAYON	30	29	29	SESA SDA	42.25	42	42	---
W	752.86	754	750	INDRO	301.25	300	294.25	SHAW WALL	---	---	---	---
W	197.50	195	200	INGERSOLL	390	387.50	392.50	SHREE CEM	---	---	---	---
W	---	---	---	ITC	114.50	114	112.50	SHRI FIB	92	86	85	---
W	---	---	---	KJ SYN	78.75	78	77.50	SIEMENS	69	67	69	---
W	---	---	---	KIR ENGG	152.50	150	153.75	SKF	1300	1300	1300	---
W	---	---	---	KIR ENGG	61	61.25	62	SPIC	53.25	52.75	52.75	---
W	---	---	---	KIR ENGG	380	380	385	ST NILLS	380	375	360	---
W	---	---	---	KIR ENGG	99	101	98	TATA CHEM	125	123.50	122	---
W	---	---	---	KIR ENGG	74	73	74	TATA OIL	72.50	72.50	70	---
W	---	---	---	KIR ENGG	115	113	115	TATA POW	44.70	44.70	435	---
W	---	---	---	KIR ENGG	106	102	104	TELCO	980	977.50	968.7	---
W	---	---	---	KIR ENGG	91	91	90.50	THAPP AGRO	---	---	---	---
W	---	---	---	KIR ENGG	16.35	16.25	16.15	TISCO	1363	1362	1335	---
W	---	---	---	KIR ENGG	650	640	640	VAN ORG	171	171	172	---
W	---	---	---	KIR ENGG	205	205	200	VARELI	23.75	22.50	25	---
W	---	---	---	KIR ENGG	97.50	92.50	95	VOLTA	840	835	840	---
W	---	---	---	KIR ENGG	132	131	130	WINCO	16.75	16.50	16.75	---
W	---	---	---	KIR ENGG	388.10	388.22	388.22	ZIARI AGRO	71	70	71	---

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
LEG	203.0	202.5
ALLIANZ VR	2175.0	2170.0
JADENBERG	220.0	222.0
BAF	293.5	292.5
BAUER	296.0	297.8
BAUER WY	429.0	429.0
BAUER VER	416.0	418.5
BBC	450.0	450.0
BRF	479.0	479.0
BW	609.0	607.0
COMMERZB	282.5	281.6
CONTI GUM	327.2	325.7
DATHEM BEN	751.0	741.0
DEUTSCH BAK	660.0	649.0
ILW	557.0	559.0
RESORNER B	354.0	352.7
T. BANCORP	205.0	206.0
WIDEX	638.288	635.311
WIDEX	369.0	374.0
WIDEX	414.0	416.5
WIDEX	450.0	450.0
WIDEX	297.1	299.5
WIDEX	232.0	234.5
WIDEX	292.0	288.0
WIDEX	685.0	671.0
WIDEX	211.0	212.3
WIDEX	627.0	624.5
WIDEX	538.0	531.8
WIDEX	185.5	184.5
WIDEX	158.0	160.5
WIDEX	755.0	751.0
WIDEX	172.0	173.0
WIDEX	341.0	329.8
WIDEX	235.0	231.0
WIDEX	589.0	584.5
WIDEX	462.5	464.0
WIDEX	341.0	341.0
WIDEX	45.0	46.0
WIDEX	532.0	530.0
WIDEX	766.0	768.0
WIDEX	302.0	305.0
WIDEX	301.0	298.5
WIDEX	394.0	400.0
WIDEX	328.2	330.5
WIDEX	267.0	272.0
WIDEX	343.0	343.0
WIDEX	688.0	676.5
WIDEX	324.5	325.5
WIDEX	611.5	610.0
WIDEX	233.8	232.0
WIDEX	375.0	373.0
WIDEX	329.8	334.0
WIDEX	213.0	214.2
WIDEX	438.5	435.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
KA	14.60	15.00
RAY	8.35	8.60
REINISH	292	300
ENG K	7.85	8.05
LA P	11.90	12.20
RY P	680	690
RY P	2.10	2.17
EAGLE	0	0
INDEX	495.74	543.08
CO	18	19
G LING	4.27	4.35
DERSON	4.35	4.47
BANK	5.55	5.60
ELEC	7.35	7.50
GAS	17.10	17.50
LAND	7.80	8.05
TELECOM	4.87	4.90
NOTEL	4.97	4.95
SMEL	2.30	2.37
HANK	20.90	21.20
WINSON	8.05	8.40
UN DEV	1.32	1.32
MATH	19.20	19.70
US	11.10	11.50
SUN	7.30	7.40
ARIN O	0	0
HAR	5.85	5.90
WORLD	9.20	9.35
Y CON	.90	.91
PROP	9.30	9.55
JX	2.07	2.12
E A	15.50	15.80
CHEUNG	4.02	4.05
---	.95	1.00
---	8.20	8.35
---	8.50	8.65
---	3.55	3.67

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AJINOMOTO	2640	2620
AKAI ELEC	741	745
AKI	1320	1310
ASARI GLS	2390	2390
ASARI OPT	915	917
BANK TOKYO	1690	1670
BRIDGESTON	1070	1050
CANON	1030	1020
CASIO COMP	1410	1410
CHUGAI PHM	1810	1820
CITIZEN W	1130	1110
D-CHIKI KAN	3350	3310
DAI NIP IK	892	885
DAI NIP IT	2350	2290
DAI NIP SC	1280	1230
DAI NIP TO	960	951
DAI NIP TO	1090	1080
DAI NIP TO	2220	2220
DAI NIP TO	2230	2190
DAI NIP TO	2230	2240
DAI NIP TO	1980	2000
DAI NIP TO	1640	1630
DAI NIP TO	3530	3490
DAI NIP TO	4440	4390
DAI NIP TO	1720	1700
DAI NIP TO	1910	1880
DAI NIP TO	1620	1590
DAI NIP TO	1990	1960
DAI NIP TO	2430	2390
DAI NIP TO	4120	4010
DAI NIP TO	1170	1170
DAI NIP TO	15900	15900
DAI NIP TO	1080	1060
DAI NIP TO	2160	2150
DAI NIP TO	4550	4480
DAI NIP TO	1740	1740
DAI NIP TO	1190	1170
DAI NIP TO	927	905
DAI NIP TO	1260	1270
DAI NIP TO	1200	1210
DAI NIP TO	6630	6520
DAI NIP TO	1860	1850
DAI NIP TO	2880	2790
DAI NIP TO	2400	2360
DAI NIP TO	0	2660
DAI NIP TO	1120	1120

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE SHARPLY HIGHER BEFORE ELECTIONS

TOKYO, JULY 21, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED SHARPLY HIGHER AFTER INVESTMENT TRUSTS CONDUCTED INDEX-LINKED BUYING PROGRAMS AND OTHERS JUMPED ON THE BOAT EXPECTING THE MARKET TO PICK UP ONCE SUNDAY'S JAPANESE UPPER HOUSE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS BANISH SOME POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY.

THE MARKET HAD BEEN HIGHER EVEN IF THE LDP (LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY) LOSES AN UNEXPECTEDLY LARGE NUMBER OF SEATS, BUT IT WILL NOT CONTINUE," SAID TORAKOSU SUGAI, A SENIOR TRADER AT SEARSON LEHMAN HUTTON ASIA INC.

THE NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 234.56 POINTS, OR 0.70 PCT, TO 33,899.43 AFTER BEING UP OVER 300 POINTS NEAR THE CLOSE.

THE NIKKEI ENDED 107.70 POINTS HIGHER ON THURSDAY.

IT WAS 324.66 POINTS HIGHER OVER THE WEEK, WHICH SAW THREE STRAIGHT WINNING SESSIONS.

BROKERS ATTRIBUTED MOST OF TODAY'S RISE, ALL OF WHICH CAME IN THE AFTERNOON, TO BUYING BY THE INVESTMENT TRUSTS OF MAJOR JAPANESE BROKERS. OTHER INSTITUTIONS WERE MOSTLY SIDELINED.

TRADE WAS SLACK IN WHAT BROKERS TERMED ONE OF THE SLOWEST WEEKS IN RECENT YEARS. VOLUME WAS ONLY 550 MLN SHARES AGAINST 500 MLN ON THURSDAY.

RISES LED FALLS BY 1.7 TO ONE WITH 529 ISSUES HIGHER, 307 LOWER AND 230 UNCHANGED.

THE BROADER FIRST SECTION INDEX, OR TOPIX, GAINED 23.65 POINTS TO 2,533.06 AFTER A 9.70-POINT RISE ON THURSDAY.

"AN LDP LOSS OF ITS MAJORITY IS CERTAINLY DISCOUNTED IN THE MARKET, AND EVEN A BAD LOSS," SAID ROSUMBUKI, A SENIOR BROKER AT SANYO SECURITIES CO LTD.

"IT IS VERY POSSIBLE WE WILL SEE A SHARP RALLY. PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN UNWILLING TO BUY ALONE MAY RUSH IN. BUT IT WILL BE SHORT-LIVED," HE SAID.

THE LDP NEEDS TO WIN 54 OF THE 126 SEATS AT STAKE TO KEEP ITS MAJORITY IN THE 252-SEAT HOUSE. OPINION POLLS SHOW IT IS LIKELY TO LOSE ABOUT HALF OF ITS 66 SEATS BEING CONTESTED.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, JULY 21, REUTER - STOCKS ENDED LOWER ON END-WEEK PROFIT-TAKING AND MARKET TALK THAT THE HIGHEST BID ON A PRIME GOVERNMENT LAND SITE WAS DISAPPOINTINGLY LOW.

THE HANG SENG INDEX FELL 47.34 POINTS ON THE DAY TO 2,495.74.

BROKERS AND ANALYSTS SAID RUMOURS WERE SURPRISINGLY CONTESTED THAT GREAT EAGLE HAD SUBMITTED THE HIGHEST TENDER OF 2.7 BILLION H.K. DOLLARS, BELOW EXPECTATIONS OF THREE BILLION.

"THE MARKET NEEDED A CORRECTION ANYWAY. IT WAS JUST LOOKING AROUND FOR AN EXCUSE," ANTHONY MAK, A BROKER AT CITICORP SCRIEBOUR VICKERS SAID OF THE TALK.

AMMAN

As of 19.7.89	OPNG	CLSE
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	2.59	2.59
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.26	2.22
ARAB BANK	186.0	189.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.60	4.60
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.94	1.92
ARAB INSURANCE	1.08	1.10
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.67	0.66
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11	1.16
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.30	1.28
ARAB JOR/INTVTR/BK	2.40	2.33
ARAB PAPER COM/TRA	0.35	0.34
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	3.93	3.87
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	2.56	2.57
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.30	15.32
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITNA	1.26	1.26
BELGIUM INSURANCE	0.95	1.00
CATRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAS PRESS	0.34	0.34
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	2.94	2.86
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.79	0.77
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.50	4.50
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.25
GENERAL MINING.	2.10	2.10
HIMMER MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44
IND. MATCH JERCO	1.41	1.39
INDUSTRIAL DEV/BAK	1.70	1.70
INDUSTRIAL COM/AGR.	1.75	1.74
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN. COM/INV	0.13	0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.81	0.81
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	2.45	2.45
J. TOUR-SR COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JOR TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.50	19.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	2.35	2.34
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.46	1.46
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.11	1.12
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.18	2.18
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.45	2.46
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.34	0.33
JORDAN DAIRY	1.17	1.14
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.08	1.08
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	3.25	3.21
JORDAN ISLAMIC BAK	2.33	2.33
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.40	1.40
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71	0.74
MACH/EOU/RENT/MAIN	0.88	0.86
MACH/INDUSTRIES	0.73	0.73
MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.11
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.55	0.52
MIDDEL EAST INS.	2.00	1.90
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.79	0.83
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.89	1.86
NAT. CABLE/WIRE/HF	3.00	2.97
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.43	1.45
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	1.00	0.95
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	1.45	1.52
NATIONAL STEEL	2.62	2.65
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	2.25	2.20
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35

Economic development is Tehran's main task: Rafsanjani

Iran to invest \$10b in industry

NICOSIA, July 21, (Reuters): Iran will invest nearly \$10 billion in its troubled heavy industries under a five-year plan now being drafted, the Iranian news agency IRNA said yesterday.

The agency said the plan would create 43,000 jobs and treble annual output of heavy industries to 324 billion rials (\$4.38 billion) with annual growth of 24 per cent.

Earlier this month, Deputy Minister of Heavy Industry Mohammad Hassan Sazegara was quoted by IRNA as saying 120 state-run factories comprising 80 per cent of Iran's heavy industries worked at

30 per cent of capacity and lost several billion dollars last year.

Sazegara said deflationary policy over the past eight years had cut investment and depressed production but failed to check inflation which continued to plague the economy.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said the five-year plan had to be approved by the Supreme Economic Council and parliament before it would be implemented.

Major areas of growth for heavy industries were machine-building, buses and exports, it said.

Exports are expected to rise to an annual \$392 million from just \$4 million last year. Total exports over the five years would amount to \$933 million, IRNA said.

Of the 714 billion rials (\$9.65 billion) of planned investment, 503 billion rials (\$6.80 billion) will be provided by the state sector and the rest by the private sector.

Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, expected to be elected Iran's president next week, said yesterday economic development was the nation's main task in the next decade.

"Our main work is in this area because in the 10 years after the revolution we were not able to deal with the people's economic problems because of the war (with Iraq)," he said in a 30-minute speech on television.

Rafsanjani, speaker of parliament and acting commander of the armed forces, is widely expected to beat his only opponent in the July 28 elections.

Constitutional amendments to be voted on at the same time would eliminate the post of prime minister and concentrate executive power in the presidency.

Rafsanjani, 54, said Iran should follow the general line laid down by the late Ayatollah Khomeini, including the "neither East, nor West" principle in foreign policy.

"But of course with the interpretation that it does not mean cutting links, but rather maintaining healthy relations and rejecting hegemonism and domination," he said in the speech monitored in Cyprus.

He listed economic priorities as developing natural gas resources, training technicians and stabilising the rial.

World Bank income up 9pc

NEW YORK, July 21, (UPI): The World Bank said yesterday its net income for fiscal year 1989, which ended June 30, rose nearly 9 per cent to \$1,094 billion from \$1,004 billion in fiscal 1988.

It was the fifth straight year the Washington-based international lending institution, which finances commercial and other projects primarily in developing nations, posted income in excess of \$1 billion.

The bank said return on assets came to 1.09 per cent, while the reserve-to-loan ratio increased to 10.2 per cent from 9.3 per cent in 1988.

Gross yield on average total earnings assets was 8.2 per cent in fiscal 1989, compared with 8.3 per cent in fiscal 1988. The bank said the average yield on dispersed and outstanding loans that totalled \$77.9 billion on June 30 was 7.86 per cent, compared with 7.94 per cent last year.

As a result of the strengthened reserves position, Ernest Stern, senior vice president for finance at the World Bank, told a news conference the bank was able to reduce the commitment charged on outstanding loans balances to 0.25 per cent from 0.75 per cent for the current fiscal year starting July 1. He said the resulting savings to borrowers would be about \$200 million.

Spread among 17 different currencies, the bank's borrowings came to \$9.3 billion in fiscal 1989, at an average cost of 7.73 per cent and an average term of 7.8 years. After swaps, 99 per cent of the borrowing programme was in US dollars, Japanese yen, West German marks and Swiss francs, the bank said.

Stern said the bank agreed earlier this year to provide support for debt and debt service reduction to developing member countries that have a big external debt burden. To be eligible, he said, countries must satisfy three conditions:

■ They must implement medium-term adjustment programme satisfactory to the bank.

■ They must demonstrate a clear need for debt or debt service reduction to achieve medium-term objectives.

■ They must have a financing plan showing significant benefits from debt reduction, which will enhance the country's development prospects.

Kissinger will be the 14th member of Revlon's board, which also includes actress Audrey Hepburn and Ann Getty, wife of oil heir Gordon P. Getty.

Last month, the privately held company announced that former first lady Nancy Reagan had become a director.

Revlon chairman and chief executive officer Ronald O. Perleman said Kissinger's "unparalleled knowledge of world affairs and global markets will provide an invaluable perspective to our board's oversight of Revlon's growing international operations."

Kissinger, who was Secretary of State from 1973 to 1975 and won the Nobel peace prize in 1973, already serves on the boards of American Express Co., Union Pacific Corp., and R.J. Macey and Co., among others.

Revlon, which said its board holds regular quarterly meetings, doesn't disclose how much financial compensation directors receive.

Strategy to impede recession

Fed likely to lower interest rates

WASHINGTON, July 21, (Agencies): US Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan, declaring partial victory over inflation, told Congress yesterday that the central bank has now switched its strategy to preventing an "unnecessary and destructive recession."

He said the Fed faces a difficult balancing act but can probably guide the economy to a soft landing by curbing inflation without choking off expansion now in its 80th month.

"Looking ahead at the remainder of 1989 and into 1990, recent developments suggest that the balance of risks may have shifted somewhat away from greater inflation," he said.

Greenspan's fairly reassuring forecast was good news for the Bush administration, which is concerned that too-tight monetary policy will halt growth.

It was also a tonic for the stock market. The Dow Jones industrial average broke through 2,600 to reach the highest level in nearly 22 months as investors interpreted the comments as an indication that interest rates would go down.

"We tend to be cautious, and rightfully so," Greenspan said in response to a question whether the recent drop in interest rates was the start of a long-term trend.

Although the underlying rate of inflation has not increased, the overall level is still too high, he said.

"Consequently, monetary policy will need to continue to focus on laying the groundwork for gradual progress toward price stability," he said.

In contrast to the last time he reported to Congress in February, Greenspan stressed the danger now is that the Fed could keep money tight for too long.

"It is prudent for the Federal Reserve to recognise the risk that softness conceivably could cumulate and deepen, resulting in a substantial downturn in activity," he said. "What we seek to avoid is an unnecessary and destructive recession."



Alan Greenspan

The central bank predicted the economy, after adjusting for inflation, will grow by two per cent to 2.5 per cent this year and by 1.5 per cent to two per cent in 1990. Inflation as measured by the consumer price index should ease to between 4.5 per cent and five per cent in 1990 from 5.5-5 per cent.

The congressional budget office, a bipartisan arm of the Congress that analyses the budget, issued its own report saying the economy will slow but avoid a recession.

The Fed chairman said the US central bank has been pushing down interest rates in an effort to avoid a recession but acknowledged

the bank's best efforts might not be enough.

After a year of raising interest rates to dampen inflationary pressures, Greenspan said, the Fed switched course in June and began lowering rates because of widespread signs of a weakening economy.

Elsewhere on Capitol Hill, the administration of President George Bush praised the Fed's efforts to drive down interest rates.

Michael Boskin, the President's chief economic adviser, told the joint economic committee that the central bank had acted prudently and had avoided "any major policy mistakes."

Freeze goes on

Can China pay its debt?

BEIJING, July 21, (Reuters): China will have difficulty paying its foreign debts unless it gets new loans but foreign banks are unwilling to lend because of Western sanctions imposed after the bloody suppression of a democracy movement, bankers in Beijing said.

"Before June 4, there was no problem. Everyone wanted to lend to China," a Japanese banker said.

"Now, no one wants to lend so we are becoming nervous of its ability to repay. It will have to borrow again to pay off existing debts."

Troops entered Beijing on June 4 to crush the democracy movement, killing hundreds, perhaps thousands of people. A wave of arrests followed and at least 13 executions.

The continuing crackdown has provoked outrage in the West and a freeze on new loans by the World Bank and countries such as Japan and France. A summit meeting on the leading seven industrial nations last weekend endorsed the bank's decision.

Kuniji Miyazaki, chairman of the Bankers' Association of Japan, said in Tokyo this week Japanese banks should be wary of making new loans to China.

"When you don't need money, everyone wants to lend it to you," commented a second Japanese banker in Beijing. "When you need it, no one will lend to you."

Before the crackdown China was a welcome customer for foreign banks and able to obtain favourable terms. Since then the government has stressed repeatedly its ambitious reform programme would not change.

"So they say, but the number one reformer and

the man best known in the outside world is gone," the first banker said, referring to the June 24 sacking of Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang, accused of aiding student protesters.

"The reformers will slow. Then what happens when (senior leader) Deng Xiaoping and the other old men die? What power struggles will there be then?"

He said Premier Li Peng had not made a deep impression when he visited Japan in April, adding: "We like Zhao."

The China Daily newspaper says the country's debt had increased by 38 per cent a year over the last four years, reaching \$42 billion at the end of March. From next year, repayment of interest and principal will rise from the current \$7 billion a year to 10 billion a year, the Shanghai News Daily forecast.

China's foreign exchange reserves were \$17.5 billion in March, about \$170 million above the January level, according to the People's Bank of China.

"One result of the chaos is a worsening of our external balance of payments this year with a drop in tourist income, foreign loans and foreign investment," the Peking Financial News said.

"This will force us to import less, worsening domestic supply shortages," it added. Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Shen Juergen was more upbeat in remarks at Beijing's first international trade fair, reported in the People's Daily on Thursday.

"We have ability to repay our debts, with the repayment level at 15 per cent of annual export earnings," he said.

Argentina to cut debt arrears to IMF

Additional funding planned

WASHINGTON, July 21, (Reuters): Argentina has paid back \$40 million in debt arrears to the International Monetary Fund and plans to eliminate arrears to the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank, the Argentine foreign minister said yesterday.

"In order to initiate serious conversation with multilateral institutions and with the commercial banks, the first thing we have to do is to put our house in order and that is what we are right now doing," Domingo Cavallo told a news conference.

He said an immediate goal was to eliminate arrears with multilateral financial institutions to smooth the path toward requesting further funds.

"Yesterday we paid \$40 million to the fund and we are planning to do the same with the World Bank

and IADB in order to eliminate the arrears and to prepare to get additional funding both in the case of the IADB and World Bank also," Cavallo said.

Argentina has piled up \$3.5 billion in interest arrears since it stopped servicing most of its \$60 billion foreign debt in April 1988. The new payments reduced the interest debt.

The plan to pay off the arrears is part of a comprehensive economic programme of newly inaugurated Argentine President Carlos Menem to lift Argentina from its worst economic crisis, Cavallo said.

It also includes cuts in government spending and increases in tax revenue to stem hyper-inflation and foster foreign and domestic private investment, according to Cavallo.

GIB profits surge

Assets growing

NICOSIA, July 21, (Reuters): Gulf International Bank BSC (GIB) said it made a net profit of \$28 million in the first six months of 1989, a 10.5 per cent rise for the same period of 1988.

The Bahrain-based bank made a net profit of \$25.4 million in the first half of 1988.

GIB, Bahrain's second largest offshore bank, returned to profit last year, making a net profit of \$45.6 million after a 178.9 million loss in 1987.

GIB, in an unaudited statement received in Cyprus, said its assets rose to \$9.6 billion in the first half of 1989 compared with 8.8 billion for the same period last year.

The bank attributed the rise in the assets to an increase of 19.7 per cent in the loan portfolio as a result of short-term trade financing in the Arab world.

Operating income fell to \$25.53 million in 1989 from 26.6 million in 1988.

GIB chairman of board of directors Abdullah Saif, who is also Bahrain's monetary agency governor, said the results reflected continued growth in non-asset based earnings.

The bank said a reduction of 1.8 per cent in operating expenses and strict budgetary controls have contributed to the increase in the profit. Loans grew to \$5.4 billion from 4.5 billion in 1988, it said.

Trade pact under review

EEC opens talks

BRUSSELS, Belgium, July 21, (AP): The European Economic Community said yesterday it had discussed a trade and economic co-operation agreement with the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union "attaches a great interest to normalising economic and commercial relations with the community," Frans Andriessen, EEC commissioner for external relations, said at a news conference.

Last week, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev surprised Western leaders with a letter in which he said he hoped for closer economic ties with the West.

Gorbachev wrote French President Francois Mitterrand, chairman of the Paris summit of the world's seven industrial leaders, that it was "obvious that the rest of the world can only gain by the opening to the world economy of a market such as that of the Soviet Union."

Gorbachev "is a man of quick and rapid action," Andriessen said, adding it was his impression that the Soviets "want to negotiate rapidly to have concrete results on the table."

Trade, investment and economic co-operation were discussed during a two-day meeting that began Wednesday, according to the EEC's executive commission. A further round of talks is expected in early October.

The EEC wants to obtain better access and facilities for businesses on the Soviet market, the commission said.

In June, Andriessen said in a speech in Moscow that the 12-nation trade bloc wanted to conclude a 10-year agreement. The pact would not offer any trade concessions to the Soviet Union, but would include "most favoured nation" treatment under international trade rules.

The accord also would offer management training, joint ventures and co-operation on the environment, energy and nuclear safety.

The EEC had a trade deficit of 2.7 billion European Currency Units (\$2.9 billion) with the Soviet Union in 1988. The community imports mainly natural gas and petroleum products from the Soviet Union and its exports mainly manufactured products and machinery.

The EEC-Soviet talks resulted from the mutual recognition pact signed in June 1988 by the EEC and the Moscow-led Comecon trade bloc. Moscow's partners in Comecon are East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Vietnam, Cuba and Mongolia.

Since then, the EEC has signed trade and co-operation agreements with Czechoslovakia and Hungary is close to signing a pact with Poland and has opened negotiations with East Germany.



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They're getting too one-sided!

Moves to kill off the B-side pop single

By David Cheal

LYING pop singles these days is an art. For around £2, the stoner gets a seven-inch piece of vinyl containing a few minutes of music, often of dubious quality, sometimes badly mixed. And on the B-side there will usually be a "re-mix" version of the A-side, which just means that the drums are louder. No wonder sales are slumping. But now there's a new and even more ingenious development in the pipeline: singles without B-sides. It's an idea which

has been tossed around in music industry circles for some time; apparently it would enable companies to cut recording and royalty costs, savings which could be passed on to the customer. Indeed, observant purchasers of the new Black Sabbath single, *Devil and Daughter*, will have noticed that it has no B-side. Flip it over and everything looks normal — but the groove is empty. Is this the shape of things to come?

A press officer said: "The 12-inch version of the single has an interview with the band on the B-side (by Dante Bon-

utto of *Raw* magazine), but for the seven-inch single they didn't want to edit it down, so they just left the B-side blank and released it at a special low price." Some might say that depriving the world of a few minutes of Black Sabbath is an act of supreme humanitarianism. But have record companies forgotten that some of pop music's finest appeared on B-sides which, thanks to word-of-mouth and radio airplay, became A-sides?

To name but a few: Rod Stewart's "Maggie May" (originally the B-side of "Reason to Believe"); the Average White Band's "Pick up the Pieces"; "Mull of Kintyre", by Wings (the B-side of "Girl's School"); the Stylistics' "You Make Me Feel Brand New" (far more successful than the A-side, "Only for the Children"); "Brown Girl in the Ring" (which began life as the B-side of "Rivers of Babylon" — together, they went on to become the third best-selling single of all time); "Puttin' on the Style" by Lonnie Donegan ("Gambler" Man); Jilted John's charming ode to teenage love, "Jilted John" ("Going Steady"); "Chicago", by Frank Sinatra ("All the Way").

Then there are the singles which, because both sides were of equal merit, became double A-sides. The Beatles' unbeatable combinations: "Penny Lane"/"Strawberry Fields"; "Yellow Submarine"/"Eleanor Rigby"; "Day

Tripper"/"We Can Work It Out"; and the Rolling Stones' "Let's Spend the Night Together"/"Rough Tuesday".

Today's record companies would look in horror at the waste in realising two great songs on one record when more money could be made by releasing them separately. But in an era so rich in quality music, groups could afford to be generous. David Jacobs, who in the 1960s presented "Juke Box Jury" and "Pick of the Pops", says that when they were selecting records they ignored the label. "We played both sides, and decided for ourselves what the A-side was. And there were occasions when the record company had clearly chosen wrongly."

And for many artists the B-side was a chance to re-explore their roots. "Amsterdam", David Bowie's cover of the Jacques Brel song on the B-side of his 1973 hit single "Sorrow", springs to mind. Or to have fun: for The Who in the Sixties, the B-side was an opportunity to indulge their juvenile sense of humour and allow Keith Moon to whistle a tune or John Entwistle to air one of his dreadful compositions. In 1969 the Beatles counteracted the pomposity of "Let It Be" by putting a bizarre curiosity called "You Know My Name (I've got your number)" on the B-side.

If it weren't for the B-side the Damned's first single, 1977, would not have been backed by a song called "Singalong-

gascabies", which lasts 57 seconds, Jonathan King, who had a string of bubblegum hits in the 1970s, believed that B-sides were a waste of time, but rather than leave them blank, King, ever the opportunist, recorded advertisements — for his own record company.

Backwards

And at least two singles have had B-sides consisting of the A-side played backwards: in 1966, Napoleon XIV's "They're Coming To Take Me Away Ha-Ha!", and last year Transvision Vamp's "Tell That Girl To Shut Up" (the latter was some kind of protest against the futility of throw-away B-sides.)

Of course, not every record company is thinking of doing away with the B-side; many I spoke to said that a good B-side could attract more purchasers. True: If the B-side of "Devil and Daughter" had been a rare recording of Black Sabbath gurgling Listerine, doubtless a few die-hard devotees would have bought the single on the strength of it.

But at the root of the problem of the disappearing B-side is the fact that the pop single is having a crisis. Most singles lose money. They are promotional devices aimed at persuading people to buy LPs, which are more profitable.

However, quite how doing away with B-sides will resolve this crisis is uncertain.

Madonna new US No. 1

Soul II Soul still in top slot

LONDON, (AP): Soul II soul and Caron Wheeler held onto top spot on the British pop singles chart for the fifth straight week with *Back to Life* as Bobby Brown's *On Our Own* from the movie "Ghostbusters II" pulled up four places to land at number 2.

Rounding out the top five spots were *You'll Never Stop Me Loving You* by Sonia, *Ain't Nobody* by Rufus and Chaka Khan and *London Nights* by the London Boys.

The only newcomer to the top 10 was *Superwoman* by Karyn White.

UK Top Ten

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by *Our Price Music Ltd.*, the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

- (1) Back to Life — Soul II Soul and Caron Wheeler (10 records).
- (6) On Our Own — Bobby Brown (MCA).
- (3) You'll Never Stop Me Loving You — Sonia (Chrysalis).
- (2) Ain't Nobody — Rufus and Chaka Khan (Warner Bros.).
- (4) London Nights — London Boys (Teldec-WEA).
- (10) Wind Beneath My Wings — Better Midler (Atlantic).
- (8) Voodoo Ray (EP) — A Guy Called Gerald (Rham).
- (5) It's Alright — Pet Shop Boys (Parlophone).
- (12) Superwoman — Karyn White (Warner Bros.).
- (7) Song For Whoever — Beautiful South (Go).

In New York, *Express Yourself* took Madonna to the top of the pop singles record charts in the United States Wednesday. The new hit disc hopped from third spot a week ago.

If *You Don't Know Me* by Now by Simply Red climbed two notches to second place on the Cash Box Magazine chart. *Good Thing* by the Fine Young Cannibals slipped from number one to third.

Last week's number two hit, *Baby Don't Forget My Number*

by Milli Vanilli, toppled to sixth place.

Batdance by Prince, from the big summer hit movie "Batman," flew from out of nowhere to fourth.

US Top Ten

The top 10 pop singles, as rated by *Cash Box Magazine*, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (3) Express Yourself — Madonna (Sire-Warner Brothers).
- (4) If You Don't Know Me By Now — Simply Red (Elektra).
- (1) Good Thing — Fine Young Cannibals (I.R.S.).
- (14) Batdance — Prince (Paisley Park — Warner Brothers).
- (9) Toy Soldiers — Martika (Columbia).
- (2) Baby Don't Forget My Number — Milli Vanilli (Arista).
- (5) I Drove All Night — Cyndi Lauper (Epic).
- (10) What You Don't Know — Exposé (Arista).
- (6) Satisfied — Richard Marx (EM).
- (12) Lay Your Hands On Me — Bon Jovi (Mercury-Polygram).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by *Cash Box Magazine*, with last week's positions in brackets:

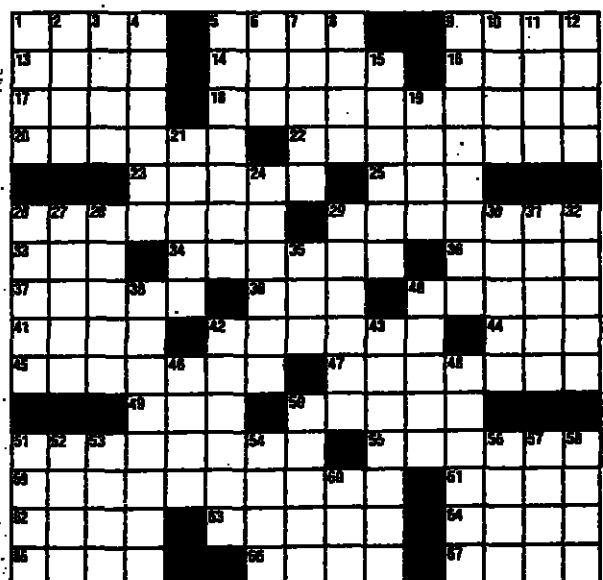
- (5) Cathy's Clown — Reba McEntire (MCA).
- (6) Houston Solution — Ronnie Milsap (RCA).
- (3) What's Going On In Your World — George Strait (MCA).
- (7) Why'd You Come In Here Lookin' Like That — Dolly Parton (Columbia).
- (1) She's Got a Single Thing in Mind — Conway Twitty (MCA).
- (10) Love Has No Right — Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America).
- (2) Lovin' Only Me — Ricky Skaggs (Epic).
- (12) Sunday In The South — Shenandoah (Columbia).
- (9) In A Letter To You — Eddy Raven (Universal).
- (4) Hole In My Pocket — Ricky Van Shelton (Columbia).

Flip promotion: like many songs, Rod Stewart's 'Maggie May' moved over from B-side to A.

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K93 ♥AQ10952 ♦7 ♣AKQ
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass

What do you bid now?
A.—Playing in hearts, your hand is worth 20 points. Partner should have at least 6 HCP for his response, and probably at least two hearts to give you an eight-card fit. So bid what you think you can make—four hearts.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠Q1063 ♥93 ♦AQ9 ♣AQ86
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass

What do you bid now?
A.—Although you have a balanced minimum, this is not the hand for a rebid of one no trump. Make it a rule never to bypass a four-card major; if you do happen to have a 4-4 fit, it is the most flexible contract of all to handle. Rebid one spade.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠73 ♥A87 ♦94 ♣AQJ1062
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

What action do you take?
A.—If partner has a diamond stopper, three no trump could be lay-down; at worst, it will be on a finesse. The way to advise partner of the problem is by bidding three hearts. If he has a diamond stopper, he will convert to three no trump. If he simply returns to four clubs, you will have to toss in the towel, but you will have done your all to get to game.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K109 ♥862 ♦A103 ♣AQ104
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass

What action do you take?
A.—With only 13 HCP, it might seem judicious to pass. However, the point count doesn't do your hand full justice. Your prime cards

are undervalued and you have excellent intermediaries. In addition, your heart fragment means partner's suit is a potential source of tricks. Bid three no trump.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠A6 ♥KQ1054 ♦AQJ6 ♣K3
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♣ Dbl 1 ♠ Pass

What action do you take?
A.—Partner doesn't have much, but you need little more than length in one of the red suits to compete effectively for a partscore, especially since the king of clubs is well located behind opener. The way to get partner to pick his better red suit is to double again. Since he hasn't bid, it's still for takeout.

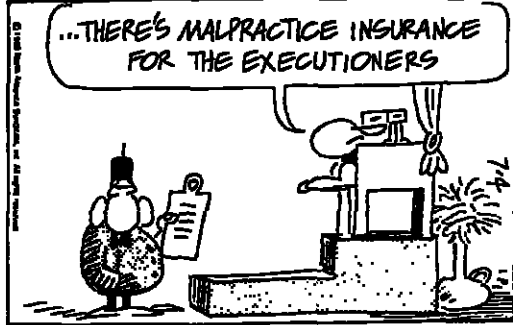
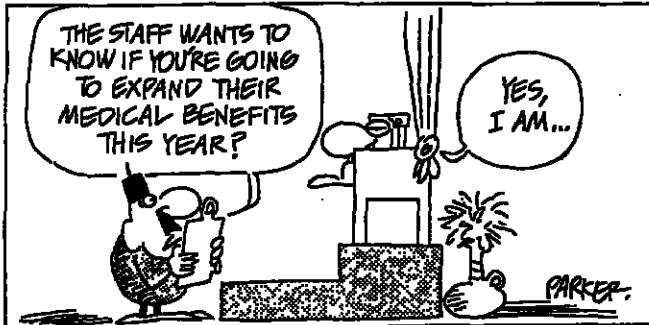
Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠6 ♥Q1085 ♦AJ764 ♣K82
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♣ 1 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—The fact that you have a singleton in partner's suit decreases the value of your hand considerably. Since game is probably out of the question, there is no reason to disturb this contract. You have no source of tricks at no trump, and your values should serve partner well at one spade. Pass.



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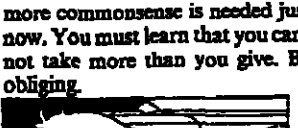
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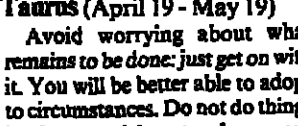
YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)
You should consider whether one lump sum payment may not be better than lots of little ones. A little more commonsense is needed just now. You must learn that you cannot take more than you give. Be obliging.



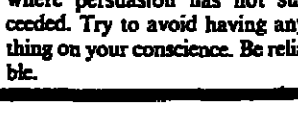
Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
Do not allow work to invade and destroy your private life. There is no reason to be discouraged by a small setback. You should not permit yourself to fall for sales talk. Be less envious.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)
You should make sure you do not lose sight of your objectives. Do try to rid yourself of some recent prejudices and prejudices. You are more liable to become excitable and should do your best to control yourself. Be methodical.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)
There is no time to waste but nor should you do things in too great a rush. You will be able to draw the correct conclusions but you should not jump to them. Avoid being too cheeky or naughty. Be sincere.



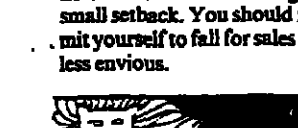
Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
You will have to make more effort to discriminate between what is bad with what is not important. An offer or proposal should be taken most seriously. You are in danger of losing your temper, control yourself. Be tactful.



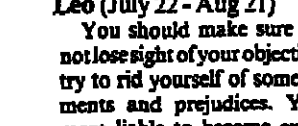
Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
You should avoid spending money as though there were no tomorrow. However, that does not mean being mean, just frugal. Do not let some small reverse discourage you. Be cautious.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
Avoid worrying about what remains to be done: just get on with it. You will be better able to adopt to circumstances. Do not do things in a hurry and do not make up your mind on the spur of the moment. Be fair.



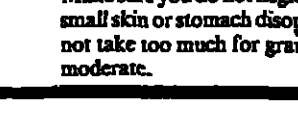
Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
Something you have learnt recently will prove its usefulness. You should not try to use force where persuasion has not succeeded. Try to avoid having anything on your conscience. Be reliable.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)
Do your best not to make a nuisance of yourself, nor should you allow others to prey upon you. Make sure you do not neglect some small skin or stomach disorder. Do not take too much for granted. Be moderate.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
You should keep your wits very much about you: do not be taken unaware. Your lucky numbers are 22 and 3. A letter should be answered without delay. You are liable to take a hobby rather too seriously. Be observant.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
Do not do anything that might embarrass your partner. You should try to be a little more tidy instead of wasting time looking for things. You will find it easier to do what has to be done. Be patient.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)
You should try to consider the matter from every point of view. If you consider yourself hard done by try to look at the positive side of the situation. Do not expect others to put your interests before theirs. Be responsive.

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Judge delays Rose case until July 31

COLOMBUS, Ohio, July 21, (Reuters): A judge said yesterday he would not rule until July 31 at the earliest on whether Pete Rose's lawsuit against baseball authorities over gambling allegations should be tried in a state or federal court.

The decision means that the Cincinnati Reds manager and former baseball star will be protected from possible suspension

or firing for another two weeks.

Judge John Holschuh of the US District Court set the probable date for his ruling after listening to lawyers for Rose and baseball commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti.

Rose, who holds the career record for most hits, has asked the courts to stop Giamatti from holding a disciplinary hear-

ing into his case. Investigators for baseball have alleged that he gambled heavily and bet on some of his own games.

The latter charge, if proven, could result in Rose being banished from the game for life.

Rose wants the case heard in a state court in Cincinnati where he built his baseball legend and where a judge in the

court involved has already ruled once in his favour.

Giamatti's lawyers contend a federal court would be less likely swayed by local prejudice.

Rose is seeking a long-term order blocking Giamatti from holding the hearing. A temporary order has been in place since last month.

Lancaster takes Cubs to victory

Chicago pitcher shocks Giants

NEW YORK, July 21, (AP): Chicago Cub's pitcher Les Lancaster shocked the San Francisco Giants with a run-scoring double in the 11th inning to lift the Cubs a 4-3 victory.

"Believe it or not, I was looking for it," Lancaster said. "The pitch was a hanging slider." Lancaster said. "I didn't over-swing."

Lancaster, batting for just the second time this season, hit a hard grounder off the glove of third baseman Ken Oberkfell that rolled down the left field line. Wilkerson scored easily as the Cubs snapped San Francisco's five-game winning streak.

Expos 4, Reds 1

Mark Langston continued in his role as Montreal's stopper with 13 strikeouts.

Langston, 7-3, since his acquisition from Seattle on May 25, reached double figures for the fourth time in 11 National League starts. He led the American League in strikeouts three of the last five seasons.

The only run Langston allowed came in the first inning on Todd Benizner's 10th home run.

Cardinals 7, Padres 1

Tom Brunansky hit a three-run homer and Joe Magrane allowed five hits in eight innings for



Chicago pitcher Mike Bilecki in action against the Dodgers on Wednesday. Cubs won this game 9-5 and yesterday beat the Giants 4-3. (Reuters wirephoto)

his sixth straight victory as St. Louis snapped a four-game losing streak.

Magrane, 11-6, walked four and struck out five while shutting down the Padres, who had scored

26 runs in their two previous games. Todd Worrell pitched a hitless ninth inning.

Mets 4, Braves 1

Darryl Strawberry hit his 21st homer and drove in three runs as New York won a game delayed twice by rain for a total of 1:48.

Bob Ojeda, 6-9, gave up two hits in 5.2 innings to win for the first time in five starts since June 26. Both hits off Ojeda — who walked six — were singles by Andres Thomas, the second driving in a run in the sixth.

Oakland's Dave Stewart won his 14th game last night, tied for most in the majors, by leading the Athletics to a 5-2 victory over Baltimore Orioles.

"On any given day, I'm capable of beating any team in this league," said Stewart, hit hard last week in his All-star game start.

Those given days have rarely come against Baltimore, a team that turned Stewart down for a tryout when he was temporarily out of baseball in early 1986.

Stewart, a 20-game winner the past two seasons, had not beaten the Orioles since Aug 29, 1986.

Dennis Eckersley pitched one inning for his 15th save. It was his first save since May 21, just before he hurt his arm and went on the disabled list.

Rangers 6, Yankees 2

Nolan Ryan struck out 11 in 7 1-3 innings and won his 284th career game, pitching Texas past visiting New York.

Ryan, 11-6, gave up five hits and did not walk a batter. He leads the majors with 166 strikeouts, and fanned at least 10 batters for the ninth time this year and the 190th time in his career.

Greg Swindell got his 13th victory, pitching two-hit ball for seven innings as Cleveland won at Royals stadium. Kansas City leads the majors with a 32-13 home record.

Swindell, 13-2, won for the ninth time in 10 decisions. Jesse Orosco and Doug Jones each pitched one hitless inning.

Mariners 5, Blue Jays 2

Scott Bankhead set a team record with his eighth consecutive victory — also an AL high this season — as Seattle beat Toronto.

Results

American League

Oakland 5, Baltimore 2

California 4, Detroit 3

Texas 6, New York 2

Cleveland 4, Kansas City 0

Seattle 5, Toronto 2

National League

Chicago 4, San Francisco 3

Montreal 4, Cincinnati 1

New York 4, Atlanta 1

St. Louis 7, San Diego 1

NFL still looking for successor to Rozelle

CHICAGO, July 21, (Reuters): National Football League owners, stalled in their search to find a replacement for retiring commissioner Pete Rozelle, voted on Wednesday to form a new committee to look for a successor.

The move cast further doubt on the fate of New Orleans Saints president Jim Finks who a little more than a week ago had been considered a certainty for the job.

A previous search committee, which was replaced by the one formed on Wednesday, had urged the owners earlier this month to give Finks the job.

But when the owners met in Chicago on July 6, 11 owners blocked approval of Finks, complaining that the selection process might have shut out other worthy candidates.

The new six-man committee includes Wellington Mara of the New York Giants and Lamar Hunt of the Kansas City Chiefs, who were on the old committee, and dissident owners Mike Lynn of the Minnesota Vikings and Ken Behrig of the Seattle Seahawks.

They are joined by Jon Kent Cooke of the Washington Redskins and Al Davis of the Oakland Raiders who both voted for Finks.

The owners also endorsed formation of a World League of American Football, a spring competition which may play in such cities as London, Milan, Montreal, Mexico City and points in the United States, using some regular NFL players.

It was not immediately clear whether the League would begin in the spring of 1990, which had been the target date under discussion.

Some NFL owners are looking ahead to the spring of 1991, but Tex Schramm, the former Dallas Cowboys president who will run the new League, says he can have the 12 teams ready to play by 1990.

Dan Rooney of Pittsburgh, chairman of the steering committee overseeing the new League, suggested 1991 is a more realistic starting date.

"We're looking no farther than that," he said. "That doesn't rule out 1990, but we have a lot of work to do."

Schramm, who has been touring prospective sites, said one problem is reaching television agreements in Europe, which has no single network. He said that even if the League is sold to Eurovision, a continent-wide outfit, it would have to persuade stations in each country to take the games.

Another problem is the length of the games.

"They want two-hour blocks," Schramm said. "They don't have three-hour sporting events the way we do."

Sowell told to be herself

Scott seeks to break Ryun's mark

NEW YORK, July 21, (AP): Steve Scott, who runs the mile, will have a big incentive for tomorrow's New York Track and Field Games.

Scott, the premier middle-distance runner in the United States for the past decade, will be trying to run the mile (1.6 kilometres) in under 3 minutes, 51.1 seconds, the fastest time ever set outdoors in the United States. That mark, set by Hall of Famer Jim Ryun, has stood since 1967.

"I've had that on my mind for 10 years," Scott said Wednesday.

If Scott should run that fast — and win — he then would be eligible for some of the bonus incentives meet executive Fred Lebow is offering in all 23 major events at the international, invitational meet at Columbia University.

And if Scott should win and break his US record of 3:47.69, set at Oslo, Norway, in 1982, or crack the world mark of 3:46.32, held by Steve Cram of Britain, then the bonus money from Lebow would increase.

A world record in any event will be worth \$25,000. Breaking an American record will earn an athlete \$10,000. First-place finishers will get \$1,000, with \$500 for second and \$250 for third. And there will be bonus money for achieving certain times, distances or heights, such as \$1,000 for a mile cracking 3:50, no matter in which position he or she finishes.

"I don't think anyone in this country ever has done it," Lebow said of his incentive plan.

Lebow is using the bonuses to lure not only the top athletes, but to attract the "up-and-coming" youngsters who have to struggle to make money on the European circuit.

"There, they pay (large sums of appearance money) for three or four or five stars," he said. "And that's it."

Lebow, who also is paying appearance money, but not as much as the heavily financed European promoters, recalled a recent visit to Stockholm, Sweden, where he met a couple of young US miler.

"They had paid their way to get to Europe," he said. "They had paid for their travel. They had paid for their meals, and they had paid for other expenses."

"And they didn't get into the meet. There, if you're a star, you make it. Here, we don't want to tell them they can't run."

In Europe, the stars, such as Cram, Carl Lewis and Said Aouita, can command about \$25,000 to \$30,000 a meet. Lewis and the now-disgraced Ben Johnson, the world record-holder in the men's 100-metre dash, hit the jackpot last year at Zurich, Switzerland, each receiving \$250,000 including huge payoffs from television, for their celebrated confrontation.

Many American athletes are receiving less than usual for tomorrow's meet, the first big outdoor track and field meet in New York since the 1964 US Olympic trials. They are doing it as a favour to Lebow.

"Still, we're losing money this year," said Lebow, president of the New York Road Runners Club, which is promoting the meet and is expected to lose an estimated \$500,000.

"We hope to make money next year." The meet has attracted a number of foreign stars. One of them is Dutch runner Nellie Cooman, who will face the challenge of em-

ulating US star Dawn Sowell. Cooman has some advice for the younger runner: don't try to emulate Florence Griffith Joyner.

"I hope she remains herself," Cooman said yesterday.

Cooman, from the Netherlands, is the five-time European indoor champion at 60 metres and the 1989 world indoor champion.

Sowell, who burst into prominence this year with several clockings under 11.00 seconds, including a world-leading 10.78 that made her the No. 3 performer in history, recently joined Flo-Jo International, the running club formed by Griffith Joyner and her husband, Al Joyner, both Olympic champions.

She made her debut with her new team last month in the US Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Houston, and showed almost the same speed and flashy attire that made Griffith Joyner an international star in 1988.

Sowell won the 100-metre title in 10.91, the second-fastest time in the world this year, while wearing a Flo-Jo-like metallic gold-and-black leotard over a white body suit.

"I hope she can keep it up until the (1991) world championships and the Olympic Games at Barcelona."

Cooman, who has not competed in two weeks because of an ailing back and a mysterious insect bite that caused blood poisoning, said she was feeling better and hoped to break her personal best of 11.08. But she said she had little hope of beating Sowell.

"She's very good," Cooman said. "She's running very well. She's a little better than me."

Frazier inducted into Hall of Fame

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 21, (AP): Joe Frazier, who went from Olympic gold to heavyweight champion, yesterday joined four other athletes and the 1960 Olympic ice hockey team as inductees into the US Olympic Hall of Fame.

Track stars Lee Evans, Bobby Joe Morrow and Mel Sheppard and weightlifter John Davis were the other athletes honoured. Boone Arledge, former president of the ABC television network's sports department and now head of ABC news, was selected as a special contributor.

Their induction brings to 57 the number of individuals in the hall, which was established in 1979

and had its charter class inducted in 1983. The 1960 gold medal-winning hockey squad was the fifth team picked in voting by sports writers, sportscasters, US Olympic Committee officials and hall members.

Frazier didn't even win the 1964 Olympic trials, but US champion Buster Mathis broke his thumb while sparring with Frazier. Frazier replaced Mathis, went to Tokyo and won a 3-2 decision over Hans Huber of West Germany for the gold.

The only US finalist in the boxing at Tokyo, Frazier had broken his hand earlier in the Olympics but hid the injury from his coaches.

Molson-Indy race

TORONTO, July 21, (AP): Frustration has a firm hold on team Andreotti as Mario and Michael head into Sunday's Molson-Indy race.

The first father and son team in Indy-car history, joining two of CART's hardest chargers, has not been an instant success — at least in terms of victories — this season.

After eight of the scheduled 15 races, neither Andreotti has visited victory circle.

Hussain and Pringle help Essex blast Kent

Green keeps Gloucestershire on target

LONDON, July 21, (Reuters): Runaway English championship leaders Essex overwhelmed Kent by an innings and six runs yesterday.

England prospect Nasser Hussain and England all-rounder Derek Pringle set up the two-day win, the eighth Essex victory of this season's championship.

Hussain scored a superb 127, including 14 boundaries, in an Essex total of 347. Pringle took four for 60 — match figures of 10 for 102 — as Kent were dismissed for 229 in their second innings. Kent's Trevor Ward struck a defiant 91.

Nottinghamshire captain and opener Tim Robinson endorsed his claim for an England recall with his fourth championship century of the season, off Somerset.

Robinson cracked 20 fours



Derek Pringle



Tim Robinson



Ashley Metcalfe

and a six in a majestic 128, leading Nottinghamshire to 471 for seven, 285 on.

Teenager Mark Ramprakash scored a maiden century for title-chasing Middlesex, who totalled 294 against Yorkshire. Ram-

prakash reached 128 with two sixes and 18 fours.

Opener Ashley Metcalfe defied a painful injury and struck an unbeaten 80 in Yorkshire's second innings of 119 for seven, just 46 ahead.

At Leicester: Northamptonshire 198 in 69.4 overs and 76 for one (R. Bailey 46 not out), Leicestershire 300 in 114.3 overs (J. Whitaker 99, D. Gower 50, L. Potter 49, C. Ambrose five for 52).

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Star striker

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, July 21. (AP): Renato Gaucho, a star striker with Italy's Roma soccer team, will return to Rio's famed Flamengo squad, a team official said yesterday.

1996 Olympics

ATHENS, July 21. (Reuters): Greece, the birthplace of the Olympic Games some 3,500 years ago, will spend about \$2 billion in a bid to stage the centennial of the Modern Games in Athens in 1996.

McNeil falls

NEWPORT, R.I., July 21. (Reuters): Baseline Laura Gildermeister of Peru topped third-seeded Lori McNeil 7-5, 6-2 yesterday to advance to the quarterfinals of a women's tennis tournament in Newport.

Winning streak

NEW YORK, July 21. (Reuters): Olympic double champion Carl Lewis defends an eight-year long jump winning streak tomorrow in the New York Games, first major summer invitational meeting in the United States for over 20 years.

Drug tests

LONDON, July 21. (Reuters): British swimming chiefs have decided against imposing drug tests at the European Junior Championships at Leeds next week but considered the possibility at recent allegations that East German swimmers were given performance-enhancing drugs.

McCallister leads

COAL VALLEY, Ill., July 21. (Reuters): Defending champion Blair McCallister shot a five-under-par 65 to earn a one-stroke lead at a \$700,000 PGA golf tournament on Thursday at the 6,606-yard Oakwood Country Club.

Two-way tie

DANVERS, Mass., July 21. (Reuters): Kathy Postlewait and Penny Hammel tied five-under-par rounds of 67 yesterday to share the first-round lead of a \$350,000 LPGA golf tournament.

Sidhu acquitted

NEW DELHI, India, July 21. (AP): Police today dropped a homicide charge against Indian Test cricketer Navjot Singh Sidhu that at one time threatened his career. Press Trust of India reported. The news agency said investigators found Sidhu innocent.

Mobil GP

NEW YORK, July 21. (AP): World record-holder Sergei Bubka of the Soviet Union, a two-time winner of the Mobil Grand Prix pole vault, has moved into a tie for the men's overall Grand Prix lead.

He is tied with high hurdler Roger Kingdom of the United States and 200-metre runner Robson de Silva of Brazil, who won in 20.24 seconds at Pescara. Each has 45 Grand Prix points.

Guadalajara win

CHICAGO, July 21. (AP): Shivas Guadalajara of Mexico defeated the Guatemala National team 2-1 last night to set up a final match with the US national team in the four-team Marlboro Cup soccer tournament at Soldier Field.

Record holder

BRISBANE, Australia, July 21. (AP): World record holder Duncan Armstrong is suffering from a mysterious illness and will miss next month's Pan Pacific Swimming Championships in Tokyo, officials said today.

Exhibition games

MOSCOW, July 21. (AP): The Calgary Flames and Washington Capitals of the National Hockey League are scheduled to play exhibition games in September against Soviet teams. Tass reported.

Grady captures British Open lead

Watson and Stewart total 137

TROON, Scotland, July 21. (Reuters): Australian Wayne Grady shot a five-under-par 67 to seize the lead midway through the second round of the British Open golf championship today, with the menacing figure of Tom Watson hard on his heels.

Grady's two-round total of 135 puts him two strokes ahead of Watson, who shares second place with fellow-American Payne Stewart.

Watson, chasing a record-equaling sixth British Open title, returned a four-under 68 while Stewart shot a course record 65.

The overnight pacesetter, Briton Wayne Stephens, dropped back slightly but handled the pressure well to return a level-par 72. After his opening 66, he remained six-under.

Defending champion Seve Ballesteros of Spain missed short putts at the last three holes to take a 73 and at one over accepted that he had probably lost his title.

Grady, a Queenslander who plays full time on the US Tour where he won the Westchester Classic last month, made six birdies in his round, four on putts of 20, 25, 25 and 15 feet.

The other two came on good chip shots while his only bogey was at the ninth, where he missed the green with a six-iron and took three to get down.

"I've been playing smart golf, conservative golf," Grady said.

"I haven't been doing anything silly, I'm keeping the ball in play, not blasting away because on this course with so much roll you don't have to."

Watson played what he called "a mixed grill" of a round.

"There was luck, magic, bad shots and good shots — a typical Tom Watson round," he said.

He made 15-foot birdie putts at the second and sixth holes, chipped close for a third at 11 and made another from 15 feet at 12.

He bogeyed the 13th after what he conceded was a bad tee shot but eagled the long 16th by pitching in from a bunker 60 feet away.

Then he dropped a shot at the last after driving into a fairway bunker.

Scores

138 Eduardo Romero (Argentina) 68, David Feherty 71, 67; 139 Derrick Cooper 69, 70; Greg Norman (Australia) 69, 70; Steve Pate (US) 69, 70; 141 Paul Hood 72, 144 Tom Kite (US) 70, 74; 145 Robert Karlsson (Sweden) 73, 70; Sandy Stephen 71, 74; 146 Jose Rivero (Spain) 71



Tom Kite (left) follows his drive off the fifth tee during the first round of British Open while Eduardo Romero grinds his teeth as he sinks a putt. (Reuters wirephotos)



75, Ian Woosnam 74, 72; 147 Stephen Field 76, 71; 148 Ernie Els (South Africa) 72, 76; Brian Barnes 73, 75; 150 David Leadbetter 78, 72; 152 David Williams 77, 75; 154 Chris Moody 81, 73; 158 James Noon 81, 77; 135 Wayne Grady (Australia) 68, 67; 137

Svensson puts Sweden ahead

BASTAD, Sweden, July 21. (Reuters): A weary and somewhat confused Jonas Svensson overcame unpredictable teenager Goran Ivanisevic to give Sweden a 1-0 lead in their Davis Cup semifinal against Yugoslavia today.

Svensson, who won the opening rubber 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, did not even realise the match was over when he took the final game to love as the clock ticked past three hours.

"I was incredibly tired. I thought the score was 5-3 when the match was suddenly over so I was quite surprised," said Svensson.

deputising for former Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg, who decided to play only doubles because of an ankle injury.

Ivanisevic had problems of his own in the fierce heat. He had to fight off repeated attacks of cramp and several times threw his racket to the clay in frustration as yet another careless shot cost him a vital point.

With their top player, Slobodan Zivonjovic, missing because of an arm injury, Yugoslavia had hoped to make a good start in their bid to reach the final for the first time. But Svensson, who won both

his singles matches in his Davis Cup debut against Italy in the first round of this year's competition, simply proved too consistent for Ivanisevic.

Though the Yugoslav served superbly at times — he hit 10 aces — he took too many risks at important moments.

In Rawalpindi, Pakistan took a 2-0 lead over Thailand in the Davis Cup Asian Zone Group Two final today. Mushaf Zia beat Worapol Thongkanchu 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4); Hameed-ul-Haq beat Thanakorn Srichapan 6-3, 6-7 (4-7), 4-6, 6-1, 6-2. In Langenthal, Switzerland

took a 2-0 lead over Paraguay in their Davis Cup world group promotion/relegation play-off today. Claudio Mezzadri beat Ruben Alvarenga 6-2, 6-2, 6-1; Jakob Hlasek beat Hugo Chapcu 7-6 (10-8), 6-1, 6-3.

The match, halted early in the fifth set Thursday evening by darkness, featured overpowering serves from both players.

In Munich, the United States took a 1-0 lead over West Germany when Brad Gilbert beat Carl-Uwe Steeb 6-2, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 in the opening singles of their Davis Cup world group semifinal today.

Over 20 people died in 1975 stadium disaster

MOSCOW, July 21. (Reuters): More than 20 people were crushed to death outside a Moscow ice hockey stadium in 1975 when a crowd ran after a bus carrying Canadians who threw chewing gum from the windows, Izvestia reported on Thursday.

The government daily also quoted a legal official as saying a disaster at Moscow's largest soccer stadium in 1982, disclosed for the first time this year, had killed 66 people.

The daily Sovetskoy Sport earlier this month had put that death toll at 340. It also hinted at the disaster outside the Sokolniki Ice Hockey Arena but gave no details.

Izvestia said that at Sokolniki crowds had surged out of the arena and "rushed towards the bus from which foreigners were throwing coloured chewing gum."

"As a result of the crush at a gate kept locked by police, more than 20 people were killed," it said.

"A court determined the guilty parties and meted out punishment, but the country knew nothing about it, as it knew nothing about a lot of tragedies."

The newspaper, quoting Moscow investigator A. Speer, said 66 people died in the 1982 tragedy at Luzhniki stadium when fans tried to re-enter the stands after a last-minute goal.

It said two officials, the stadium's director and chief security officer, were each sentenced to three years' jail for negligence but were later granted remission.

Charges were dropped against two other men — a stadium official and a police officer — on medical and legal grounds.

Izvestia said legal proceedings over the Luzhniki disaster were theoretically open to the public.

Fignon retains overall lead



Lemond (left) raises his arms in victory. (Reuters wirephoto)

AIX-LES-BAINS, France, July 21. (Reuters): American Greg Lemond won his second stage of the Tour de France today but race leader Laurent Fignon of France virtually cemented his expected overall victory.

Lemond won the 125-km 19th stage from Villard de Lans in a provisional time of three hours 17 minutes 53 seconds, edging out Fignon into second place in the closing sprint.

But the American gained no time on Fignon in the last mountain stage of the Tour and remained 50 seconds behind with virtually no hope left of preventing the Frenchman winning in Paris on Sunday.

Last year's winner Pedro Delgado of Spain came third in the same time as the two others to stay third overall.

The three were in a group of five Tour leaders who broke away on the Col de Porte, the first of the stage's three passes, in an attack led by Fignon.

The two others, Gert-Jan Theunisse of the Netherlands and Spaniard Marino Lejarreta, finished with the breakaway group some two minutes 10 seconds ahead of the main pack.

Yesterday, Fignon made a bold solo breakaway to win the 18th stage.

The Frenchman moved out from the pack about 25 kms from the end of the 91.5-km stage from Bourg d'Oisans and built a lead of 52 seconds.

Lamb may miss Tests against Australians

LONDON, July 21. (Reuters): England batsman Allan Lamb could miss the remaining three Tests against Australia after damaging his right index finger during Northamptonshire's county championship match against Leicestershire.

Lamb will see a specialist on Monday but it is feared the joint is cracked and some bone has been chipped off the end of the finger.

Lamb had to stand down from the second Test after damaging ligaments in his left hand playing for Northants against the Australians and missed the third match of the series with a shoulder injury.

He said today: "I'm feeling very low at the moment. Things certainly haven't worked out very well this season. I've had an incredible run of bad luck with injuries."

Palaro organisers accept players' demands

Only eight teams in semifinal round

By Yawar Maqsood
Sports Editor

THE Palaro Basketball Tournament was saved late Thursday evening from a disastrous end, with action resuming at Keifan yesterday after the Palaro Executive Committee accepted the players' demands to allow only eight teams into the semifinal round.

Until Thursday evening it had been expected that only four of the 11 teams who had earlier qualified for the semifinals, would continue with the event. The other seven had opted out of the tournament during a meeting, at the Far East Restaurant to decide the draws.

Dollaro, Magnolia, Hatid Ligaya and SAS Hotel had decided to continue with the event while KPBC, Pampanga, Wood Group, EEI, Kay & Associates, Al Rashid and Kuwait Regency Palace had withdrawn.

The dramatic turn of events, however, saw all the teams except KPBC change their minds after the Palaro Executive Committee backed down on their earlier decision, in the interest of sport and turned up with a formula to ensure the passage of only eight teams into the next round.

The situation, which had threatened for a whole week to



Gil Bangalan (right) talks to team representatives. (Photo by Ahmed Barouni)

reduce the tournament to a farce, occurred last Friday when a number of teams had been involved in a triple-tie after their last group matches.

The organisers, finding the house rules flawed, decided to allow all the teams involved into the next round instead of breaking the tie.

KPBC objected to this decision by the tournament organisers and threatened to withdraw from the event.

Dissent soon became widespread until there were seven

teams which did agree with the organisers.

Even during the meeting at the Far East Restaurant on Thursday, these teams would not agree to return to the tournament until a change of rules was made.

Gil Bangalan, the tournament chairman, who presided over the meeting, found his plea to the teams went unanswered. He had no authority to change the rules. He tried hard but failed to convince the teams to continue with the event.

Manny Inserto, the Kapilku

president, also made an impassioned plea but his efforts also seemed to come to naught.

As the meeting broke up, a new basketball League was being formed — the Kuwait Pinoy Basketball League. The teams agreed on a number of rules and the meeting was postponed until yesterday.

The turn of events, however, saw all the teams except KPBC change their minds as they wanted to play in the Palaro. The organisers also had a change of heart. With Manny Inserto lead-

ing, one last effort was made to get the dissenting teams back into the fold.

The effort, which saw talks going on well beyond mid-night, ended successfully. Under the rules now framed, all the teams involved in a tie will play against each other.

With KPBC withdrawing, EEI and Magnolia automatically qualified for the semifinals. The other teams to reach the semifinal round were SAS, Regency Palace, Wood Group, Pampanga and Al Rashid. Dollaro was playing against Hatid Ligaya yesterday evening to decide the last semifinalist.

What now?

The organisers of the event must now make sure that the flaws in the house rules are removed so as to avoid a similar situation in the future. International basketball rules must be enforced from now. These rules have a solution to every problem.

Sportsmen must also at all times not only try to raise the level of their game but also that of the event in which they are participating.

Until Thursday evening, there had been no winners in this tournament with only one loser — sport. After the teams' decision to play, there are no losers, only one winner — sport.

Soccer stars join tourists in France

PARIS, July 21. (Reuters): Among millions of foreign tourists in France this summer are 19 young men who have set their sights on a higher goal than sun-bathing and eating French food.

They are costly soccer stars who have taken advantage of the French Football Federation's decision to allow three foreign players — at least one of whom must hail from the European community — to play for domestic clubs.

Clubs were limited to two foreign players until this year. The League season kicked off this evening with a match between First Division champions Marseille and newly-promoted Lyon in which three of the newly-arrived foreigners will make their debuts.

Marseille have splashed out 77 million francs (\$13 million) on their two new signings. England's international winger Chris Waddle and Brazilian sweeper Carlos Mozer.

Facing Marseille for Lyon will be Irish international defender Mick McCarthy. He said adventure played a part in his decision to leave Scotland for southern France.

"I chose to come to France because I wanted to try something new after playing for Barnsley, Manchester City and Celtic," McCarthy said.

The fact foreigners are offered fabulous wage and living packages to come to France is rarely mentioned by the players.

French clubs, who feel their home-bred strikers lack a finishing touch despite often having Brazilian-style ball skills are looking to foreigners to score their goals this season.

Australian Eddy Krnoevic, top scorer for Anderlecht in the Belgian League last season, will be playing for eastern French club Mulhouse. Sochaux have signed Spanish international Jose Carrasco.

Saint-Etienne have Dutch star Rob Witschey, while his compatriot Piet Den Boer has signed for Bordeaux and Swedish striker Johnny Ekstrom has signed for Mediterranean Club Cannes from Bayern Munich for 8.8 million francs (\$1.2 million).

The newcomers will quickly learn that life with French clubs, as in Italy, is more volatile than in northern European countries.

Life has been good for players like Britons Glenn Hoddle and Mark Hateley, playing for Monaco. Hoddle was second top scorer in the French League last year and both players appear to have settled well in France.

But others fail to come to grips with the country.

Former England striker Clive Allen, a prolific scorer when he moved to Bordeaux, left for Manchester City after one season. He was unable to adapt his style to suit the French game.

"French football is much more technical than the British game, but it doesn't worry me," said Waddle.

Even before he plays his first game, critics have questioned the wisdom of Marseille owner Bernard Tapie in paying 45 million francs (\$7.5 million) for Waddle, a French record.

Zavarov to keep playing for Juventus

TURIN, Italy, July 21. (Reuters): Juventus said yesterday Soviet midfielder Alexander Zavarov would stay with them next season despite a disappointing first term in Italian soccer.

"Zavarov will be playing for us next season," a spokesman for the Turin club said, quashing reports in the Soviet press earlier this week that Zavarov had left Juventus and was expected to rejoin Dynamo Kiev.

Zavarov was due to leave Kiev today to return to Juventus for pre-season training.

Juventus, 22 times Italian champions, were undecided for several weeks about the future of Zavarov, the first Soviet player to appear in the Italian League.

The Juventus spokesman said Portuguese defender Rui Barros would be their second foreign player but no decision had been made yet about a third.

First Division clubs are allowed a maximum of three non-Italian players.

Several Italian newspapers said Real Madrid's Mexican international striker Hugo Sanchez was due to arrive in Turin yesterday to seal a move to Juventus.